Massacre in Class P1



Massacre of the innocents: Teacher Gwenne Mayor, who died in the carnage at Dunblane primary school, pictured with the first intake of her P1 class last September, many of whom were also killed In 3 minutes 16 children and their teacher

Chief Reporter

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Less than an hour before, their mothers and fathers were asking if they had cleaned their teeth, telling them to fasten their shoes properly and check-ing they had packed their gym

It would have a been scene played out in hundreds of thousands of homes across the land. In Dunblane yesterday it was to end in a bloody spectacle which was to leave a small Scottish town bereft and desolate and the rest of the nation deeply shocked.

Only one youngster on these smiling rows is thought to have been spared the agony of a bul-let from Thomas Hamilton's guns. Sixteen lay dead, while three fought for their lives and nine, many paralysed with shock, recovered in hospitals near their school, Dunblane Primary. Henceforth, that will be a name synonymous with that only Hungerford had been

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before. Hamilton, a 43-year-old known to the police, strode into the school yesterday morning shortly after assembly and unleashed wave after wave of bullets into the children and their teacher, Gwenne Mayor, before turning one of his four-

The hall was still echoing to the sound of his fury when a de-spairing call was made to the police. Chief Constable William Wilson of the Central Scotland force repeated details of that call with a quivering voice yesterday. He quoted the caller as saying simply: "A man with a gun is running

amok in Dunblane Primary That man was Hamilton, piece." who had been removed as a Scout leader for "unsuitable bevaviour" yet allowed to set up his own boys' clubs, a man who plastered his home with mass murder and grief in a way pictures of young boys. A man whose home, according to his

neighbours, was raided by police two years ago: Harbouring a grudge over his ejection from the Scout movement in 1974. Hamilton appears to have chosen maximum violence as a means of making a point. "It was right next to my

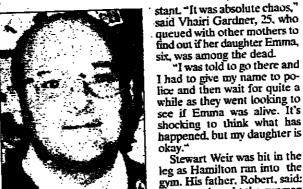
classroom," said Steven Hop-per, an 11 year old survivor of Hamilton's reasoning. "He seemed to come out of the gymnasium and he was just firing at something. He was coming towards me, so I just dived under my desk when he point-

ed and fired at us. "It was pretty scary when he started firing at our classroom window because all the glass smashed in and I got hit by a

The deed was over almost as soon as it had begun. "It could have taken no more than two or three minutes," the Chief

Constable said. The depth of the tragedy was that it involved not just chil-dren, but the smallest children in the school. The authorities gave out their ages as between four and a half and five and a half. It was as if the precision of the measure was a reflection of their delicate

Outside, desperate, hyster-



ical parents arrived to await news of their children. The pain

was unavoidable, the grief in-

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"I was told to go there and

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"He knows they have been shot but I don't think he really knows the extent of the damage yet." Last night, as this quiet,

I had to give my name to powell-to-do commuter town for lice and then wait for quite a Edinburgh and Glasgow, was while as they went looking to trying desperately to come to see if Emma was alive. It's terms with the depth and shocking to think what has breadth of its grief, it emerged happened, but my daughter is that it had taken years for Hamilton to sink into bitterness Stewart Weir was hit in the and insanity. leg as Hamilton ran into the

It was in the early 1970s that gym. His father, Robert, said: "Stewart thought the gunman he was thrown out of the Scout movement. A source within the Scout Association said it had "He got hit in the leg so he been approached about him by took a run and just hid with anpolice as recently as 1993.

In Kent Road, Stirling, where Hamilton lived alone in a dour three-bedroomed flat, neighbours said he was smart, bespectacled, balding and polite. But there was something

"I always found him very creepy because he would look

lay dead. And a community lay shattered boys clubs he ran at Bannock-

er he talked to you," said

Cathleen Kerr, 71, who lives

opposite. "He was having a cup

of coffee at my house last

summer when he asked

whether I would like to see his

latest photographs. He had a

saw his living room was plas-

tered with photographs of boys

from seven upwards. Some

had no tops on and some were

in swimming trunks on in Loch

thought, 'oh ... what?' ... you know the sort of thing.

When I saw the pictures I

Hamilton, who described

himself as "freelance photog-

rapher" on his tax returns.

had converted one bedroom

into a photographic and video

neighbour, was once taken in-

doors by Hamilton to watch a

video of young boys frollicking in swimming trunks. "He said

Grace Ogilvie, 62, another

"When I got over there. I

passion for photography.

burn. Tillicutry and Dunblane. According to neighbours, he used to drive them around in a bright yellow 12-seater minibus thought to be owned by Central Scotland Regional Council. It is understood he had had a dispute with the council in the 1980s over his plans to form another boys' club called Stirling Rovers.

they were his boys doing exer-

cise," she said. "It made me feel very uncomfortable but he seemed very proud of it."

They were members of the

The reason for Hamilton's descent into madness may be rooted in his fractious relationships with authority. He wanted to be close to young children and there were those who questioned his motives.

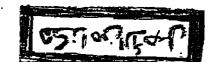
Whatever the truth, in his twisted mind he believed he was innocent. And, to prove the point, Buckingham Palace con-firmed last night that he had written to the Queen less than a week ago to say he was the subject of a vendetta by the Scout Association.



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JAMES CUSICK

It was a bitterly cold morning yesterday when at 8.45am the usual traffic began arriving at the school gates in Doune Road, Dunblane.

For those in the small town who walked to school, their red pullovers and black trousers or skirts would have been covered up with a decent duffle or heavy coat. Even those ferried to school by mums in cars, especially the infants of Class P1, would have been well

There was the usual gathering of parents exchanging school-gate conversation and the noise of their small sons and daughters breaking into a run towards the playground as the

school. Happy pupils. Satisfied parents. Dedicated teachers.

Wednesday writing test. For the 29 pupils of Primary One, taught by Gwenne Mayor, there was a break from their reading and writing lessons.

gymnasium at the back of the low-rise modern school building. Those in the hut classrooms dotted around the main building - built to take a growing school population - could look from their desks and see P1 enjoving their games.

There is less than 100 yards between the main fence and gates and the two entrances that take you inside Dunblane Primary. Once inside the main entrance, there is the school office staff working behind a glass par-9.25am 43-year-old Thomas Hamilton passed through the school gates, walked towards the school office and walked unchallenged into the school cor-

were eating their breakfast yes-terday. Hamilton would have

Had anyone looked closely athim yesterday morning they would have spotted him carrying what looked like hi-tech earmuffs. Few would have recognised them as ear protectors used to deaden the noise in gun-club galleries.

Hamilton passed now common in American schools, an alarm would have gone off.

But this was a quiet commuter town in central Scotland. There was no alarm to detect the four automatic handguns

Hamilton was carrying. Once inside the school, Hamilton turned sharp right and passed through the empty

Countdown to the massacre in

The grass around Dunblane Primary School was covered with a thin layer of frost and

wrapped up.

nine o'clock start arrived.

Dunblane Primary is a good

Yesterday it was business as usual. Ten-year-old Jamie Christie's P6 class began their

They headed for the school

Between 9.20 and

ridors. He lived in Stirling.
As the pupils of Dunblanc left his home.

they fell.

through the metal detectors shot there's no way he would

Mr McEwan added: "What is the look of terror on the face had a bullet hole through his

dinated the ambulance operation at the school, was one of the first to see the results of two or three minutes of carnage in-

have chased the pupils all over the place, shooting at them till

"Even if he was an excellent have got them all if they had been sitting still.

Gwenne Mayor died trying to protect the children in her care. Most of those who died suffered

eran of the horrors of the cleanup after the Lockerbie bombing, found Hamilton lying on the ground. There was no sympathy. "I saw the gunman lying there and a handgun by his side. For the first time in my

life I had this overwhelming desire to mutilate that corpse - I know that sounds terrible. I had to really force myself not to kick him as I walked by." The offiwill stick with me for a long time - cer in charge at the said the horror would leave him and his of a five-year-old child who crews mentally scarred for life.

ning amok in Dunblane Primary School." The first officers arrived at the school within six minutes of the call. Officers described how they were met by "scene of carnage". Between 9.40am and

10,00am Stirling Royal Infir- were rushed to the school to The first call to the police for mary was told it was on a full deal with emergency cases on not aware that there had been

The first of a fleet of ambulances began arriving at the primary school. Helicopters were brought in to bring those urgently injured to hospital. Teams of doctors and surgeons

One pupil died in the hospital, adding to the total of 15 children and their teacher killed at 5.30pm, eight hours after the massacre, the police reported that some of the parents who work outside the town were still

vesterday ferrying worned parents from their workplaces in Stirling to the school. "Nothing ever happens in Dunblane, My parents were married in the cathedral and this whole thing is disgusting. You can imagine

The landlord of the nearby

Westerton Arms pub, Patrick

Peron, said the town was in a

state of profound shock. "She

was a very cheery woman and

always smiled when I saw her.

She was highly thought of."
A neighbour said: "She was

a very well liked lady. Everyone

round here is in a terrible state.

school, Ron Taylor, was praised by Central Police Chief Con-

stable William Wilson as a

"tower of strength" to pupils,

cumstances which other people

would have found unbearable.

You cannot speak highly enough of him."

The headteacher of the

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PETER VICTOR

Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth sat in Dunblane vesterday with his Labour shadow. George Robertson, and frankly admitted. "I cannot find words to express the horror at what has happened in Dunblane here today." On this occasion, in his loss for words, he spoke for both

of them. The two men flew to Scotland together as news emerged of the carnage at Dumblane Primary School. But for Mr Robertson the tragedy came closer to home. "My children went to this school. It's an act of unspeak-

able brutality and violence. "It is difficult for anyone here and in the wider world to come to terms with what has happened in this primary school here today.

Wherever it happened, what ever town or community, this act of violence was going to be outrageous. Michael Forsyth and I are political adversaries but we are totally united in our sympathies for the families.

What they saw together would haunt them, he said: We saw parents in grief and I think that's the abiding impression that we all got and I don't think I'll ever forget it."

Labour leader Tony Blair was moved almost to tears: "Ido not think that words can really describe the depth of the tragedy and the horror that people feel.
These were little children

who at the weekend were playing with their brothers and sisters, their mothers and fathers. "They went to school this morning with the whole of their lives in front of them, and now nothing. The whole nation will unite in grief and in sympathy

for them and their families. John Major broke off from international peace talks in Egypt to describe the attack as "mad and evil".

He said: "This is a sickening and evil act that almost passes belief. Those children were in school. They were aware they should have been safe. My heart goes out to the parents, families and teachers of those who were killed and injured.

"No words can express the

shock and sorrow brought about by this mad and evil act". The Queen issued a message through Mr Forsyth, saying: "I" was deeply shocked by the ap-palling news from Durblane. In asking you to pass my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to the families of all those who were killed or injured, and to the injured themselves, I am sure I share in the grief and horror of

the whole country."
Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown expressed how. difficult it was to grasp the enormity of what had happened: "This is a terrible." tragedy and everyone's sympathy will be with the pupils, parents and staff of the school. At times like this, it is impossible to find words to express how you.

feel. It is just terrible" Dr George Carey, the Arch-bishop of Canterbury, said: "My heart and prayers go out. to the families of those who have died and to all those injured and traumatised by this.

staff and parents. Shadow Scottish Secretary Cardinal Basil Hume; leader of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, sent condo-lences "to all the parents, families and staff who are grieving and mourning. They are inmy prayers together with those still in hospital".

Bashir Mann, a spokesman for the Muslim Community in Scotland, said: "To show our horror at the tragedy in Dunblane we would like to send our

sympathy to the parents." Tony Newton, leader of the . House of Commons, announced that a full statement would be made in the Commons today. Dunblane's "shock and. grief" would be shared through-

out Britain, he said George Varnava, president of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "Schools have taken on many new responsibilities, teachers feel they have to cater for all these needs The focus is on schools and that

makes them vulnerable. "If someone who is clearly demented is looking for a vicpened. It was just terrible to see tim or a group of victims, a the officer in charge at the with everyone unable to believe only an obvious target but an school in the community is not

Dunblane Primary Class room Class room Class room school dining area into the arm and couldn't comprehend changing-room area and then what had happened. It was just burst through the doors of the terrible to see his wee face. The horror did not stop in the Inside the large hall were the 29 pupils of P1. PE teacher gymnasium. Through the glass windows those in the outside Eileen Harrild and PI's own huts would have seen and heard teacher Gwenne Mayor. the chaos. At some point Hamilton Hamilton must have known where the huts were and went must have stopped, and with through the gymnasium doors premeditation, put the mufflers over his ears for protection. towards them. The time would What followed next will rehave been 9.35am. 9,35 main in the minds of those who By now everyone in the survived the massacre of the inschool would have been scared, nocents of P1. The time was with some screaming. Teachers 9_30am. in the rest of the school told John McEwan, 49, who co-ortheir pupils to hide under their Within 60 seconds of Hamilton firing on the windows of the huts, he must have chosen to end his own life. side the gymnasium. "It was like a scene out of a He put the barrel of one of medieval hell torture chamber. the automatic guns into his mouth and pulled the trigger. The scene inside the school was An ambulance man, and a vetutterly unbelievable. He must

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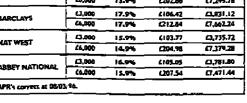
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Town pays tribute to talents of highly regarded teacher

PAUL FIELD

The grieving family of teacher Gwenne Mayor were last night struggling to come to terms with

her death. At their home in the nearby town of Bridge of Allan, hus-band Rodney Mayor was comforting the couple's two student daughters. Esther. 21, and 20vear-old Deborah.

The family were too upset to answer the door of their home and it is understood they were unable to meet a local minister who visited the house yesterday afternoon.

A woman who lives near the tight-knit family said local people could not believe what had happened. "They seemed a very nice family and were often seen coming and going. They looked very happy," she said.

Stewart Weir, who was hit in

the leg as the gunman burst into

his school's gym and opened

fire, was recovering in hospital.

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"He got hit in the leg so he

said his father. Robert.

"Everyone I know has been numbed at what has happened. You think it happens in places like America - not to someone just across the street who did not seem to have a care in the

cessful teaching career spanning 25 years after qualifying at the Nottingham College of Education in 1971 She taught at Bothkennar pri-mary school in the Scottish

Mrs Mayor, 44, enjoyed a suc-

Central region from 1971-72 before moving to the Bridge of Allan primary school in the town she made her home.

After a career break beginning in 1974 when her first daughter was born, she went back to teaching in August 1980, initially as a teacher of learning support and then as a nursery teacher at two prima- are with her family.

A schoolboy last night told his other class, relived the mo-father how he watched his ment when he dived under his started firing at our classroom

turned his weapon on the class-

room. As he left the school with

his parents, 11-year-old Steven

said his classroom, a converted

hut, was only yards from the gymnasium when the massacre

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there was a few seconds of a

teacher and classmates die in desk for cover as the gunman

Steven Hopper, a pupil in an- pause and he started again.

enjoyment of sport with her Stuart Denham, whose fiveyear-old son Scott was a pupil in Mrs Mayor's class said: "She was an excellent teacher."

ry schools in the region. She eventually took up her position

at Dunblane primary school in

tral Region Council, Convenor

Anne Wallace, paid tribute to Mrs Mayor. "She was an expe-rienced and highly regarded teacher. She shared her musi-

cal and art skills as well as her

The civic leader of the Cen-

October 1988.

Mrs Mayor was a squash en-

thusiast and played regularly at the Bridge of Allan Sports Club. The manager said: "She

George Robertson paid tribute to the courage of Mr Taylor. He has been a hero in cirwas a member here. We are deeply shocked at what has happened and our thoughts 'I saw gunman kill my

> smashed in and I got hit by a piece." the youngster said. John McEwan, 49, who coordinated the ambulance op-eration at the school, said: "It was like a scene out of a medieval hell torture chamber.

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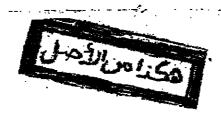
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Mr McEwan, who was also

"It was pretty scary when he the horror would leave him and his crews mentally scarred The crews came out stunned

at what they had seen. "We have an emergency plan which swings into operation

but no one was prepared for anything like this. I know it is going to take my crews a very long time to get over what they've seen - if at all John added: "What will stick with me for a long time is the look of terfor on the face of a 5-year-old child who had a bullet hole through their arm and couldn't comprehend what had haphis wee face. The crews returned what had happened."



DEATH IN DUNBLANE

Everyone knows someone who has been affected. It has had an appalling effect

MARY BRAID and

Voice breaking, Gerry McDer-mott, a school-board member, was struggling, like everyone else in Dunblane yesterday, to find the right words. He tried the usual clichés - nightmare, shock, devastation. He paused. and then eventually said: "My neighbour's daughter was killed this morning. My own children played with Emma as recently as yesterday.

"No oné here can believe what has happened. Everyone knows someone who knows someone who has been affected. It has had an appalling affect. His son Gerry, five, was in the

class below the children who died. Mr McDermott said that he had gone to the school shortly after the shooting after being called by a friend. Police, he said, had done their best to tell parents as quickly as possible whether their children were alive, injured or had died. But the wait in a local hotel must

have been agonising.
"Words cannot describe the feeling of all the parents involved. Some are in a dreadful state." Emma's mother, he said,

Like the "middle England" description given to Hungerford after the massacre there almost a decade ago, Dunblane is classically middle Scotland.

The quiet, largely middleclass, small town is an enclosed community which accepts easily the label of being a comfortable, mostly Conservative, commuter community.

In the streets yesterday there were plenty of tears, and in houses all over the town families gathered round television sets waiting for the next news bulletin, struggling like Gerry McDermott to take in the enormity of the atrocity.

The faces of frantic parents. had spelt out the horror as they ran to Dunblane School not knowing if their children were dead or alive. Less than an hour before, they had kissed their youngsters goodbye at the school gates.

It had been just like any other day until news reports started filtering through of a shooting. In disbelief they strained to hear the details or knocked on neighbours' doors - not wanting to be-

Dunblane is an affluent, solid town. "If you could think of likely to happen, it would be Dunblane," said one woman who lives near the school, "You read about these things in the

Brian Owen spent more than two hours at the school col-

Parents arrived at the school and gave police their names,

Churches House in Dunblane. and hugging each other and trying to support each other. Until you have got your own

the tragedy would have on the small town, he said: "Dunblane is a small community and everybody knows everybody else. I think the whole community will pull together, it is that kind of

Outside the school, which was

was trying to explain to her sev-en-year-old daughter, a pupil at

"Our granddaughter doesn't know exactly what has hap-pened. Her mum has just said

paper but never here, never Dunblane."

been off school, he said: "You never think it is going to happen to you. Parents are very up-set now and very concerned. All our thoughts are with the parents whose children have been killed or injured. I am lucky be-

which were being matched up with children's names. Those whose children had been killed were taken to one side.

child back you are not sure."

cordoned off all day yesterday, Edith and Ron Lloyd, both in their seventies, said that their daughter Judith Ballance was devastated by events. She runs a play school in the town and many of the dead children were former charges. "She's in a state of shock." Mr Lloyd said. He added that Mrs Ballance

lecting his son Stuart who was in the nursery. As he left with his Stuart and his daughter Catrina, who had

cause my children are OK."

Mr Owen, warden of Scottish added: "All of us are in shock holding each other's hands and

When asked about the impact

the school, exactly what had happened. Like the 700 other children who attend the primary, Mrs Ballance's daughter had been unaware of the horrific shooting. "The children were protected by teachers from what had happened," said. Mr Lloyd. "They were just allowed home this afternoon.

Shocked parents trying to comfort each other outside Dunblane Primary yesterday morning. Everywhere, there was horrified disbelief

that an ill man came to the school and did harm to the children, and that she won't be seeing some of them again. She's very, very quiet at the moment. She just nodded her head. "It's so awful. The funerals will be terrible. Those 16 little

The town was full of horrific tales. Dunblane Primary, a

two-storey building surrounded by pre-fabricated huts, was eeriy quiet yesterday afternoon, but bullet holes could be seen in the windows of the gymnasium at the centre of the school where the killings took place.

Many of those whose houses back on to the school grounds were completely unaware that the shootings had taken place until they heard the wail of police were among the dead and insirens and helicopters overhead. Joan Kitney, a pensioner, said: "Although I live next to the school, I found out when my

daughter rang me from Ger-many. She had already heard it on the news." In the Westlands Hotel, where parents had gathered earlier to hear if their children

jured, the regulars spoke in whispers. A group talked about one mother they had just seen on television. "She was distraught," said one woman. "It's absolutely unbelievable".

Her friend said he had heard it on the radio news at work and had immediately jumped in his car to drive back to Dunblane. blocks were already operating. "Even when I heard it on the radio, I just could not relate it to Dunblane," he said. "As everyone will tell you, nothing ever happens here.

When he arrived police road-

Dunblane, if you lived in inner cities of Glasgow or Edinburgh, was regarded as a haven. golf club offered signs of tranquillity and confidence in an oasis of Tory support inside the Secretary of State for Scotland's constituency. But while Hungerford has graduually been counselled back to normality and had to accept a new identity, the Scottish community is still in deep shock from the

Gun-loving loner took pictures of semi-naked boys

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In the shocked hours following trict of Stirling, said he somethe Dunblane shooting, psychiatrists painted a picture of the likely killer. Thomas Hamilton fitted it perfectly.

A gun-loving unemployed loner with an unhealthy interest in children and teenagers, he local government ombudsmathad been a disturbing figure to he was allowed to continue. parents in Dunblane for some years. After being kicked out of the Scouts more than 20 years ago because of concerns about his conduct he continued courting the company of young people by running his own youth

groups for them.
Yesterday, snippets of stories
of photographs he took of semi-naked boys, the unexplained terror of a former youth club member - were recalled.

Thomas Hamilton took over running the 4/6th Stirling Scout Group in July 1973 only to be kicked out the following year when parents complained after a camp. A Scout Association spokesman said yesterday: "We requested him to hand in his leader's warrant after some complaints about unstable and possibly improper behaviour."

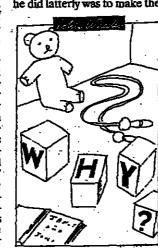
In the following years he made several attempts to resume as Scout leader, all re-buffed, Instead, he formed his own youth groups, including one called the Stirling Rovers for young boys at Dunblane High School. But he remained anxious to return to the Scouts, Five days ago, he is understood to have written to the Queen to plead his cause.

A sixth-form pupil at the school said everyone knew of him. The rumours were that he had a dodgy past and a possi-ble record of abuse against

Simon Smiley, 15, recalled how Hamilton liked the boys to stand with their chests pushed out until their ribs showed and that he used to make them run round a hall while he videotaged them. Yet after several parents removed boys from the club, he had sent out a letter to parents denying the stories about him.

council flat in the Braehead distimes took the boys on holiday to Loch Lomond in a van. He fell out with the local authorities in 1984 when he was refused permission to use a hall for his youth group. On appeal to the local government ombudsman,

Stirling regional councillor Frena Davidson, who lives in Dunblane, said there had been growing concern from parents in recent years. It is understood that twice, in 1993 and 1994, local police made inquiries about his activities. "Apparently, what



boys strip to their waist and change into striped underpants and then he would take photographs of them before they embarked on their sports ac-

tivities," she said. "Some boys seemed to enjoy the club, but others didn't and their parents took them away. One mother who spoke to me about him said that her son was trightened just to see him, but Police and the council were

couldn't prove anything and there was nothing we could do", the councillot said. It was not only parents who saw something disturbing in the bespectacled man in white

aware of the disquet, "but we

Grace Ogilvie, who lived shirt and anorak. Freelance near Hamilton's two-bedroom photographer Sandy Leathley, photographer Sandy Leathley, 27, was employed by Hamilton for six weeks two years ago for work including taking pictures of boys at the clubs he ran. He told how Hamilton once offered to show him handguns and live ammunition, an offer he declined. "He seemed to me to be very proud that he had the guns," Mr Leathley said.

Acquaintances described him as a "non-mixer, a bit of an oddball who never had much to say". A local journalist told how she had been unhappy to give publicity to his clubs. "He made your flesh crawl," she said. He once belonged to the local gun club.

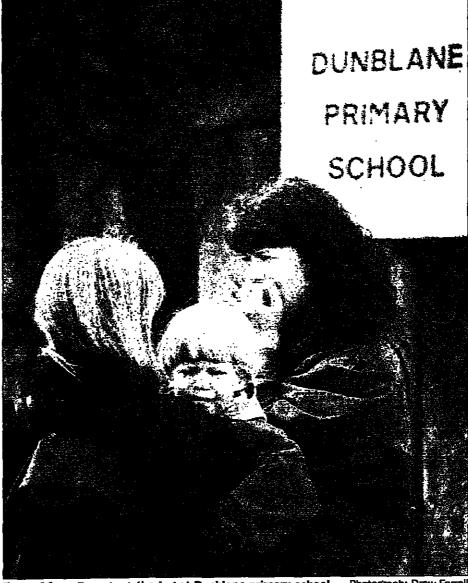
In Cowane Street, Dunblane, where Hamilton ran a DIY shop until the early 1980s, a fellow shopkeeper described him as a private person with no friends. He had not been well liked. "His prices were very high

... We had differences in the way we conducted our businesses. But he did well enough from his business to make a good living for himself and drive a nice car."

Psychiatrists sav mass killers tend to harhour a grudge, to feel rejected and resentful. Last night, Hamilton's state of mind was unknown. His connection to Dunblane primary school was a mystery. Details of his personal life unconfirmed. Yet there was perhaps one

clue to his most recent thinking in reports that just five days ago he had written to the Queen accusing the Scout Association of mounting a campaign to sul-ly his reputation. Twenty-two years after his Scout leader's warrant was withdrawn - eight since the last time it is known he re-applied for it - the refusal seems to have gnawed away at him. In his letter, he is thought to have accused the Scout movement of maladministration and claimed the council had prevented him from carrying out

'valuable" youth work. But as Hamilton lay dead yesterday, fears and suspicions about him had proved all too



Face of fear: Parents gathering at Dunblane primary school Photograph: Drew Farrell mentally ill. Not all suffer from

Psychiatrists try to explain the unexplainable

There have been enough mass killings for psychiatrists around the world to adopt a classification that helps them try to ex-

plain the unexplainable. Dr Clive Meux, a consultant forensic psychiatrist at Broadmoor Hospital and a senior lecturer in forensic psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry in London, described yesterday

as "an appalling tragedy". Mass killings like Dunblane, he said, have been split in recent years into three broad groups: mass murders, spree killings, and serial killings. The mass homicides at Dunblane will fit into one of the first two. "At Hungerford," said Dr Meux, "Michael Ryan killed his victims in more than one place. That is categorised as a spree.

But this killer appears to have shot all his victims in one place so this is a mass murder. One of psychiatry's most studied mass murders was the McDonald's massacre in the

United States where 40 people were shot and 21 died. We now divide these killings into three further sub-groups, said Dr Meux. The pseudocommando is generally a younger man, obsessed with fire arms ... The second group is the psychotic killer, generally a person severely mentally ill.

James Cusick on how mass killers

can be classified schizophrenia." The third group is called "set and run" killers. who plan their murders.

Dr Meux said: "Difficult as it may be to understand, some individuals who carry out such killings are not suffering from mental illness. This man may not have an illness, yet we ask why did he do this? We can't

There would have been no dispute among psychiatrists, he said, about his problems, "He would have had problems with communication, probably would not have talked, he would have displaced his feelings. He would have put his problems elsewhere, put them somewhere perhaps where they had no real relevance, such as this school and these youngsters. And his suicide indicated he would have been severely

depressed." Like Dr Meux, Professor Pcter McGuffin, of the Universiof Wales College of Medicine, warned against merely assuming madness. "Fortunately these mass killings are so rare that no single osychiatrist or police expert has enough experience to understand them

Killing spree followed established pattern

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The shooting dead of 16 children and a teacher is Britain's biggest mass murder involving

a gurman. It eclipses the Hungerford massacre, in which Michael Ryan gunned down 16 people in 1987, and is the latest incident in an alarming trend of attacks involving schools.

Yesterday's deaths make Thomas Hamilton Britain's third biggest mass murderer, not only killing more people than Ryan but also more than Dennis Nilsen, who killed 16 peo-

home in North London, Peter around schools. In December Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, who took 13 lives, and Fred West who killed at least 12.

The country's biggest mass killer remains John Thompson, who murdered killed 37 people after he set light to The Spanish Club, in London, in revenge for being overcharged for a rum and coke. He was jailed

for life in 1981. Mary Ann Cotton poisoned 20 people with arsenic, including three husbands, children, step-children, friends and relatives with arsenic. She was hanged in 1873.

Dunblane follows rising concern over violence in and

headteacher Philip Lawrence was stabbed to death outside his school in West London as he tried to help one of his pupils who was being attacked. In 1994 a man armed with a replica gun and a knife burst into a classroom at Hall Garth School, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, and stabbed to death a 12-

was jailed for life in December for manslaughter. Hamilton's spree follows a well-established pattern involv-

year-old girl and wounded two

others. Stephen Wilkinson, 31,

ing lone gunmen. Similar apparently random killings have occurred throughout the world

Zealand in 1990 11 people were shot dead in Aramoana, which has a population of just 90.

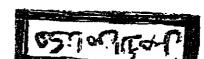
In September last year 16 people were killed in the southern French town of Cuers when a French teenager ran amok with a rifle. Eric Borel, 16, who committed suicide after the spree, had argued with his parents over where he should live. In June of the same year a 24-

year-old army shooting instructor killed seven people. including five women, in the central Swedish town of Falun. In December 1993 a gunman walked through the aisle of a

packed rush-hour commuter

train in Garden City. just outside New York City, and randomly shot at passengers, killing four people and wounding at least 17 others.

Five months earlier a man carrying two semi-automatic weapons, a handgun and a hag with hundreds of bullets walked into a law firm in San Francisco and opened fire, killing nine people. He then shot himself. A man armed with an automatic weapon slammed his truck into a Texas cateteria 1991 in the town of Killeen and opened fire on the lunch-time crowd, killing 23 people. The gunman then went into a toilet and killed himself.



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Love, comfort and trust form foundations for rebuilding the little children's future

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Specialist teams of crisis support workers were last night helping the victims of the Dunblane massacre deal with the aftermath of the tragedy, as experts warned of the far-reaching eflects on families and emergener workers.

Within hours of the shootings major incident teams from Stirling - established after the Lockerbie disaster and comprising psychologists, social workers and psychiatric nurses - were on hand, and those in Edinburgh and Glasgow on stand-by.

Dr James Thomson, senior lecturer in psychology at University College, London, and director of a trauma stress clinic. said they would be under intense pressure to deal with the high levels of traumatisation among people in the school, both children and adults".

Marion Gibson, a social

been dreading," she said last night, "It is a landmark tragedy. No amount of training can prepare for the death of so many very young children, for so much tragedy. You have to go back to the Aberfan tragedy in 1900 to find something similar."

Psychological "first aid" will he offered initially, said Mrs Gibson, who works for the South and East Belfast Health and Social Services Trust. "Love, comfort, and trust are the foundations for counselling for the future. The little children are vulnerable. They have no language to describe what has

Mrs Gibson also warned of the "ripple" effect of such a tragedy, which has serious consequences for those not directly touched by it and puts them worker with more than 20 years at risk of post-traumatic stress experience of the Irish troubles. syndrome. She joined other ex-

called on to help, according to which children are helped to TACT (Trauma After Care Trust). "People are in shock. They won't be receptive to counselling when what they re-ally need is comfort and answers to questions such as 'where can I see my child's body'

The number of children involved - there were 700 at Dunblane Primary School present special problems for support workers. Dr Dora Black, a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist, and director of an NHS Traumatic Stress Clinic in London said yesframe of reference, not even the terday. "Very young children can be as traumatised as older ones. They have less cognitive

understanding, she said. However, Dr Black said psychiatrists will draw on the pioneering work of Professor Robert Pynoos, a Californian psychiatrist who studied an incident in a Los Angeles School

process and understand what they have seen - is the key to uting the destructive effects of trauma and should be available to all involved, she added Of these, a proportion will need treatment - counselling or very rarely drugs - to help them recover.

Peter Hodgkinson, a director of the Centre for Crisis Psychology, whose team help children cope with the impact of the M40 school mini-bus crash in 1993 which left 12 children and their teacher dead, said there would be a lot of "fear" among the children.

They may regress to early childhood fears of the dark or become clingy and not want to be left alone, he said. "It is going to be very much a test for the adults around them, the teachers and their families, to be able to deal with all of this



A young victim being taken into Yorkhill Hospital, Glasgow

Photograph: John Gunnion

'You cannot make our schools a safe haven'

DOUL HTIQUL Education Editor

No amount of security measures can protect schools against a determined gunman, heads and teachers said yesterday.

A government working party on school security set up after the death of Philip Lawrence, the London headmaster, is expected to review arrangements to protect schools against intruders. Earlier this month the Government proposed new legislation to give police powers to search pupils for

weapons on school premises. Some schools have tightened security since an intruder knifed a pupil at Hall Garth School, Middlesbrough, two years ago. More schools are insisting that visitors sign in and passes and badges have been introduced. At Hall Garth, the side door through which the killer entered has become exit-only and there

is closed circuit television.

those in inner cities, go further. The Archbishop Tenison school, in Lambeth, south London, has a 15ft barbed wire fence and only one open entrance: all the others are protected by elec-tronic entry phones. Closed circuit television monitors the premises day and night. The measures cost £37,000. Brian Jones, the head, said they had proved effective but added: "If

someone is hell bent on that sort

of devastation, I don't think

there is anything you can do."

Many schools outside cities, specially primary schools, have done little to fortify themselves. Some are hampered by their design. Others by a wish to remain welcoming to the community.

John Dunford, president of the Secondary Heads Associa-tion, said: "Those who designed schools and colleges over the last 50 years did not foresee these possibilities. Some schools have been deliberately designed

Some schools, especially not to be secure." He said a school in Coventry was designed so that the public could walk through it on their way through a shopping precinct.

Yet there is a growing recog-nition that schools will have to change. Mr Dunford's association has just produced a booklet which advises heads to examine a series of security measures: doors which open only from the inside, security cameras and a single entrance. The two main teachers

unions differ over safety in schools. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, said: "Unless schools are seen to be tightening up maniacs will see schools as a soft target."

Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, said the incident should be kept in perspective. "We don't want to make schools fortresses." he said.

Fears of new gun culture beyond the law

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The massacre at Dunblane was carried out with the use of four handguns - weapons that are among hundreds of thousands of legally and illegally held firearms in Britain.

News that firearms have been used in another murder comes

amid police warnings of a growing gun culture in the United Kingdom. Nine people were shot dead in 1994 and police recorded about 13,000 offences in which firearms were reportedly used. In 1994 there were 140,200 certificates issued for firearms and 670,000 for shotguns. Estimates of illegally held firearms, vary from 500,000 to more than one million.

Critics say it is still too easy for anyone to obtain a licence for a firearm to be used in a gun chib and the Firearms Consultative Committee, which advises the Government has recommended more is done to stop psychologically disturbed people obtaining firearms.

Currently applicants for certificates have to satisfy the police that they will not be used.

lice that they will not be used to endanger the public Anyone with a criminal record or is consider mentally unstable are likely to be barred

The laws on the possession of firearms were toughened after Michael Ryan killed 16 people in Hungerford before shooting himself. Ryan fired 119 shots in a one-hour rampage in 1987 with an MI carbine, Kalashnikov rifle and Beretta pistol through the Berkshire town.

The Firearms Act 1983 has forced anyone seeking a lia shotgun, to provide a good reason to the police for wanting a weapon. Certain guns, such as self loading rifles and pump action rifles were banned. In 1994 the maximum sentence for the illegal possession of a as increased fr

three to five years. Despite these changes the police believe there has been a steady increase in the number of people willing to turn to guns for power and violence. Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, recently told the Home Affairs Select Committee about his fears of an emerging gun culture

among teenage gangs. Many weapons are being brought in from Eastern Europe, with wars in places such as the former Yugoslavia pro-

viding a ready supply.
Police chiefs and the Home Office are considering a national guns amnesty to try to reduce the number of illegally held arms. In the last amnesty. after Hungerford, 48,000 firearms were surrendered.

The guns industry estimates there are 400,000 unlicensed handguns and 120,000 rifles. The police have estimated that there are up to 190,000 illegal

pump-action shotguns.

A Home Office spokesman said: "Our gun laws are among the toughest in Europe, but we will consider any measures that can help further tackle the

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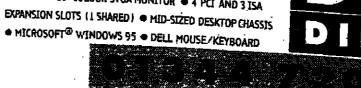


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Mawhinney bid to stop rot over EU referendum

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, explicitly promised for the first time that the Government would not hold a referendum on European issues wider than the single currency. in a clear effort to reduce the risks of a Cabinet split.

Amid speculation that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, might be prepared to quit the Cabinet if it votes for a singlecurrency referendum, Dr Mawhinney moved to crase any suspicion that ministers were seeking to appease Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party. He led a ministerial effort to ensure the looming Cabinet showdown on the referendum issue did not lead to Mr. Clarke's resignation by making it clear that any referendum pledged by the Government would be limited to the circumstances of a Cabinet deci-

sion to enter a single currency. This went some way to meeting one objection to a referendum promised being canvassed

first stage of a "slippery slope" to other concessions to the Euro-sceptic right, including other referendums and possibly a commitment not to join a single currency in the next parliament. In terms which fell short

of an explicit and formal denial that he could yet see the single currency referendum issue as a resigning matter, the Chancelfor reacted to reports that he might resign by saving that he had spoken to no journalistsnor had any triends.

Some allies of Mr Clarke ar-gued yesterday that the Chancellor was not isolated on the issue and that Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, agreed with his objections to promising a referendum, though it was far from clear how far he is prepared to push his opposition.

Meanwhile, the party chairman told Westminster reporters in a clear rebuff to the demands of Sir James for a comprehensive referendum on Europe before or at the time of the general election that the "Conservative Party would not

yesterday - that it could be the change its views on these matters as a result of the intervention of any fringe party."

He said the Maastricht Treaty, which Sir James wants to be an issue in the referendum he is seeking, had been ratified three years ago after a "full and intensive" debate.

He added: "There is no case for reopening the debates on Maastricht. It is a settled matter. There will be no referendum on it."

He also ruled out any referendum on the conclusions of the forthcoming intergovernmental conference on the EU on the grounds Britain would oppose any significant constitutional change at the conference.

Instead, in a speech cleared in advance by senior ministers including Mr Clarke, he re-peated that the Cabinet was "considering the circumstances in which a referendum might or might not be appropriate."
Earlier Michael Portillo, the

Defence Secretary, who also opposes a referendum commitment, said he was confident Mr Clarke would not resign on the



Lighting-up time: Lord Mason and fellow members of the Lords and Commons Pipe and Cigar Smokers' Club mark

The Book of Rifkind, he argued, had failed to mention the real scourges - such as monetary union'

Purgatory of sect education on Europe

The end of a millermium is a grand time for sects. With all of us feeling antsy about destiny, fate and God, grouplets dedicated to warning of man's immment doom and damnation pick up more support than usual. Most of the time such people are restricted to appearances at Speaker's Corner, arguing with militant Vegans about which will get us.

pher Gill, Sceptic member for Ludlow, introduced a motion designed to draw our attention to impending destruction. For 25 years, he chillingly pointed out, politicians had duped the public, while they carried out their hidden agenda. The endgame, which many of us have long suspected, is nothing less than a United States of Europe!" The day of reckoning

could not long now be delayed. All around him there was assent. Anti-EU flagellants, chiliasts and monks of various hues agreed. The Gormanites nodded vigorously: the ascenic, tonsured The Shepherd Is My Lord group smiled wanly. John Wilkinson looked on with priestly, tolerant sadness.

first - proteins or Beelzebins Only Tony Marlow, last de-But yesterday was different estendant of the merger be-Courtesy of an early mortanies ween the Knights of the slot at the Commons, Christo Europic Order and the Ranters -clad in the navy-blue shirt and buckled shoes of his calling -stood to interrupt Mr Gill. The Book of Rifkind, he argued, had failed to mention the real scourges - such as monetary union (a perverted joining together of currencies). Which was theologically unsound, be-cause Rifkind was about the IGC, the IGC was about Maastricht, Maastricht was about monetary union, therefore the IGC was about monetary union,

which meant that ... and so on. Unfortunately for the elect, a member of the doggedly damned had infiltrated their convocation, in the shape of Andrew McKinlay, Labour member for Thurrock. A former trade-union official, who cannot see a soap-box without queuing up for a turn on it, he was determined to have his say.

To describe his speech as discursive would be to suggest a structure and discipline that were simply not present. It was in the best tradition of tradeunion branch meetings, where the local autodidact, fresh from reading encyclonedias at the .library, decides to share his new-

ly gleaned wisdom with his despairing comrades. All of it.
Whatever the subject.
To be fair, Mr McKinlay had

a theme - Europe - but that was the extent of his coherence. Joined and abutted with phrases like "it needs to be made quite clear"; "what I want to say" and "if I might say so", his contribution took us from Mrs Thatcher in Missouri (quoting Churchill's 1946 speech), praised Britain's "lovely Parliament", covered air-traffic control, paused at the portfolios of EU Commissioners, discussed electoral systems and concluded, triumphantly, on the question of capping the number of languages that might be simultaneously translated in the European Parliament.

Theo, with a satisfied smile suggesting that - whatever the reaction of other MPs - he had just received an internal standing ovation, he resumed his seat.

Alas for the sects, worse was to come. Their by now flagging enthusiasm was further diminished by a speech of studied tedium and pomposity delivered by former Paymaster General, r John Cope. Where Mr McKinlay shared uninteresting new information with the House, Sir John reminded it of boring things it already knew. M Mitterrand had gone, he revealed. And M Chirac had taken over. Herr Kohl was still there, Sir John said, but Señor Gonzalez was not.

And nor, by the time he had finished, were most of the cult members. They had just had a true vision of Purgatory, and frankly, it hadn't been the fun that they'd expected.

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War. The announcement fol-

lows meetings last week with the French and German govern-

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cided Britain would join the

European Armaments Agency. Britain has been contributing to the agency for several years and

is now fully committed to join. Murder case divorce

Eddie Browning, 42 who spent six years in jail after being

wrongfully convicted of murder,

is to divorce his wife Julie be-cause of the mental stress

caused by the case. The former

Welsh Guardsman was freed two years ago after the Court of Appeal ruled that his conviction

for murdering pregnant house-wife Marie Wilkes on the M50 was unsafe and unsatisfactory. £5m gallery bill

Britain's new £106m gallery of modern art could cost taxpay-

ers up to £5 million a year. The proposed Tate Gallery of Mod-

ern Art on London's Bank-

side, which has already been given £50m of National Lottery

cash, will cost £10m a year to

run. Around £4-5 million will

need to come from either the

Government, private benefac-

Village shops, housing and small businesses will benefit

from new government plans to

support the rural economy of Wales. Welsh Secretary William

Hague announced a £7.5m fund

for low-cost home ownership

fices will enjoy a special rates relief scheme, and planning

rules will be relaxed to maximise

the use of land for new business.

Thousands of homes in Scot-

land were without power for a

second day as engineers battled

to repair damage left in the

wake of fierce blizzards. Hydro-

Electric said 4,500 customers were still cut off with problems

mainly concentrated around

southern Grampian and north-

ern parts of Tayside. The snow

brought traffic chaos with thou-

sands of drivers forced to make

detours to avoid worst-hit areas.

Where there's muck

A Welsh slag-heap is to be pre-

served as part of a heritage area.

A High Court judge in London

ruled that the Finger Tip -

500,000 tons of waste from the

furnace of a now defunct iron-

works near Merthyr Tydfil - was

an integral part of a site of

worldwide significance in terms

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land's owner failed to overturn

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Technology throws GCSEs into chaos

GCSE technology courses are in chaos. Schools cannot afford to the timetable, headteachers said vesterday.

With many pupils about to choose their GCSE options, heads are warning that the introduction of compulsory technology from September will mean some pupils have to drop history and geography.

Cause of

disco boy's

illness

'baffles'

police

The mystery of a schoolboy's serious illness, which started after a party, deepened yester-

day as scientists were still unable

a patient at St Luke's Psychiatric Hospital, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, since he was taken

there in a "hallucinogénic, psy-

chotic state" after an hotel dis-

that his drink may have been

spiked in revenge for his known anti-drugs campaigning said yes-terday that tests of samples tak-

en from him had found no trace

of ecstasy, LSD, cocaine, hero-

Barry Peart, who is leading the inquiry, said he was "baffled" by

the results, but James, of Hartle-

pool, Cleveland, had possibly

been given "some other rogue

substance" as yet unidentified.

variety of drugs, as well as al-

cohol, were widely available at

the £6-a-head party attended by hundreds of independent-

school pupils at Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgefield, Co Durham.

youngsters had drunk a cocktail of left-overs from glasses and bottles left on tables which

But there was no evidence

that James, a pupil at Yarm School, had joined in although

he had apparently drunk three

youngsters at the party had

bought tablets. Some contained

nothing more harmful than

sugar, but others, of unknown

origin, contained compounds

such as rat poison or household

scouring agents, and that was a

particularly worrying feature

of many drugs transactions. He added: "James is still

unwell in hospital and exactly how long be will remain there

He said that one positive

result of the inquiry was the

"substantial amount of infor-

mation officers had collected

and collated about both the sup-

ply and the suppliers of drugs

to schoolchildren. The response

Police were now following "a

number of other lines of

from the public had been "very

positive," he said.

inquiry," he added.

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made some of them ill.

or four pints of lager.

Detectives were told some

Investigators found that a

Detective Chief Inspector

in or amphetamines.

Police working on the theory

co more than five weeks ago.

to identify what caused it. James Fountain, 16, has been

The National Association of Headteachers has written to Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, to say there are not enough qualified teachers, suitable rooms or equipment for

the new requirements.

And a study to be published shortly by Alan Smithers, professor of policy research at Brunel University, shows the amount schools have to spend on technology varies from 40p per pupil per year to more

than £21. Peter Williams, head of Shavington High School, Crewe, said: "Next week I have two parents' evenings. I have never before been so uncertain about what to advise parents."

Technology has been in tur-moil ever since the Government made it a national curriculum subject in 1988. There were five different versions of the tech-nology curriculum before the current one was finally agreed.
It was introduced last year but some schools are still teaching

the original version. From this September all pupils will have to take either a short or full GCSE technology course and at least a

short modern languages course. Heads are worried that the curriculum will become narrower and less balanced. Mr Williams said: "There are two categories of despair. Those schools which cannot deliver technology because they do not have the resources and those which will not because they

es or they don't want technology to squeeze out other subjects. 'At this school we have decided to offer full courses in technology and modern languages. That means that, for the first time, some pupils will have to drop history and geography. A lot of parents are asking why their children have to do technology."

Some heads tried to introduce "shot" technology courses this year and found they took longer than the 5 per cent of the

Pupils found them unfulfilling and are unlikely to be able to continue at A-level with a subject in which they have done a employers will dismiss them. Professor Smithers said his

survey of 344 schools found the Government had targeted moncy for technology at its new tech-nology schools but even some of these complained of a shortage of money. One grant-maintained school was having to rely on col-lecting items from industrial

skips for technology materials. But Dr Nick Tate, chief executive of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, said

shortage of resources had not stopped 450,000 pupils taking GCSE technology last year. He said: "I find it hard to imagine how a national curriculum for a highly developed industrialised society such as ours cannot inchide at least an element of continuing study of technology, an area which is shaping all our lives

'Wrong patients put in high care units'

Up to 50 per cent of patients in intensive care units do not need

They warned that the current

In addition up to 20 per cent ing provided by small number of hospitals around the country.

Anaesthetists are calling for a review of how patients are cared for after surgery, with the introduction of "graduated patient care" which, the colleges say, would save the NHS hun-

studied eight hospitals con-cluded that this model was the most cost-effective and efficient use of resources.

tifies patients who need IC ment: mose who benefit from care in high dependency units (HDU), an intermediate level of care; and patients who are suitable for general surgical wards, and a convalescent or hotel unit for clinically stable patients able to

Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, last week gave his backing to an expansion of HDUs to alleviate the crisis in intensive care which has seen desperately ill patients shuttled around hospitals. In 1995 the National Confidential Enquiry into Perioperative Deaths highlighted the

David Crosby, a consultant

Royal College of Surgeons' working party which reviewed care levels, said: "This is longoverdue. We have a situation in 1996 in which 85 per cent of large, acute, NHS hospitals have only two levels of post-operative care [IC and general] when there should be three." The daily cost of an IC bed to the NHS is between £1,200-£1.500; an HDU bed £400-500;

against her fellow conspirator,

such a high level of care and could be treated on other wards to free urgently needed beds. senior doctors said yesterday.

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shortage of beds meant that about 7 per cent of patients who need intensive care (IC) were being looked after on general wards, which could compro-mise their safety, while scores of operations were cancelled at the last minute as IC beds intended for post-operative patients were taken up by emer-

of patients in acute surgical beds on general wards would do as well in "patient hotels", now be-

The Royal College of Sur-geons and the Royal College of dreds of thousands of pounds.

A joint working party which

and a bed on a general surgical ward between £200-£250. Report of the Joint Working Party on Graduated Patient Care:

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Quick on the draw: Pavement artists in Covent Garden yesterday put the finishing touches to a giant map highlighting English Heritage sites. Work began at midnight and was erased at 10.30am after being used to publicise English Heritage's summer season of over 400 special events Photograph: Edward Sykes Lawyer denies acting like | Burned worker 'pompous bully' in attack | wins £500,000

REBECCA FOWLER

The solicitor who dragged a woman out of his office and on to the street denied yesterday in court that he was a "pompous bully" and said he treated her "like a kindly old policeman".

The incident in which the wife of a wealthy self-made property developer was thrown onto the street and then pinned to the floor when she returned for her fur coat, took place at Child and Child's offices in Belgravia. central London last April.

The row had developed after Allen Chubb, 52, a senior part-ner, told Laura Harold, 32, he refused to give her or her husband a copy of the deeds to their film home nearby in Chester Square, until a disputed bill for £3.500 was paid.

When Mrs Harold, 5ft 2in and 734 stone, refused to leave without the papers Mr Chubb, 6ft 3in a clear, gentle manner ... I said

DOLOII, AITEAL, ACCOI by a female colleague. As he cast her on to the street he fell down the stone steps in the commotion. He accused Mrs Harold of then charging rugby-style back into the offices, and said he restrained her until she

agreed to leave quietly. Mr Chubb, who is accused of assault with actual bodily harm and false imprisonment in a private prosecution brought by Mrs Harold at the Inner London Crown Court Court, told the jury vesterday he was surprised when Mrs Harold arrived alone at his office, following a visit earlier that morning from her husband, Michael, while he himself was still at home. But

he insisted he only used "reasonable force" in ejecting her. He said: "I knew it was important for me to talk to her in would say I was talking to her like a kindly old policeman."

When Mr Chubb, a former special constable, was asked by Jonathan Goldberg QC, for the prosecution, whether he would have done the same to Mr Harold, he said he might have done. He denied he was "self-important", "officious", "pompous", and a "bully", who had taken out his annoyance on

He said he had been surprised to discover that Mrs Harold was bruised all over her body. "I was expecting her to have some bruising to her legs,' he said. "The other marks on her body were a surprise to me ... I thought I'd done a relatively good job in getting her out without hurting her."

The case, known as the "battle of Belgravia", continues.

and 1412 dragged her through things like 'Come on Mrs A steelworker who suffered a different person now - short with at least one nurse for

norrine injuries in a works been awarded over £500,000. it

was announced yesterday. Peter Black, 46, a machine driver, was in hospital for 10 weeks after molten metal and slag splashed over him, burning his head, body and arms, at Scunthorpe steelworks in July 1989. He had to undergo 11 operations, including plastic surgery, but has been left pernanently disfigured. He also has difficulty walking and will never work again.

The award of £512,000 against Appleby Slag Reduction Ltd and British Steel is believed to be a record for an industrial accident.

life and soul of the party, but I'm involvement was "very minor".

Mr Black, who is married with a 15-year-old daughter, said the money would never compensate him. I used to be the Slag Reduction Ltd said its

Court, but was delayed because the employers side appealed. A spokesman for Appleby

PC in £20m gold smuggling case walks free from court

her former policeman father into a £20m gold smuggling operation, sobbed with relief when a judge let her walk free from court yesterday.

Lucie Gilmore, 25, a proba-

courier for cross-Channel trips to buy high purity builtion, covered her face after being given

jail. Passing sentence, Knightsbridge Crown Court Judge 240-hours of community service.
The West Mercia officer, who has a six-month-old daughwho has a six-month-old daughwho has a six-month-old daugh-

metal, that what she had done was "very serious". He said: "It Christopher Hordern told must have seemed pretty glam-

of someone who should have against conviction. Sentence known very much better, namely your father '

Gilmore, of Bridgnorth, jeweller, was adjourned. Shropshire, remains suspended from the West Mercia Constabulary pending an appeal

Surrinder Kumar, a 32-year-old Gilmore's father, Michael, 53.

was jailed for two years after admitting a conspiracy charge.

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He said the past seven years had

been a "nightmare". "The mon-

ey is nice, but it can never

make up for what has happened.

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by the GMB general union. Re-

gional secretary Steve Pickering

said: "This was a horrific acci-

dent and Mr Black's life has

been blighted. The court ruled

that the employers were negli-

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Mr Black's case was taken up

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Defence review: MoD denies job campaign is 'insensitive'

RAF axes thousands as Army goes hiring

ROS WYNNE-JONES

More than 5,500 RAF redundancies were announced yes-terday in the biggest single cut in personnel since the end of the Second World War. But the move came as the Armed Forces Minister, Nicholas Soames, launched the Army's new recruitment campaign, designed to fill 15,000 vacancies.

The cuts are the first phase of a plan outlined in the Front Line First Review through which the Ministry of Defence aims to equip the RAF for "defence after the fall of the Berlin Wall". The review, in 1994, unveiled 8,600 losses as part of a programme to cut the size of the RAF from 89,000 in 1989 to 52,200 at the turn of the

The MoD denied the timing of yesterday's Army recruitment drive - in which a massive advertising campaign includ-ing thousands of billboards will seek personnel able "to combine combat readiness with compassion" - was insensitive.

A spokesman said the RAF

would be recruiting 3,200 people this year and by 1999 at least 5.000 per year, while the Army needed 15,000 recruits this year. We need to continue recruiting to keep a balanced air force in the years ahead," he said. This meant that some men and women who had asked for voluntary redundancy had not been allowed to take it and that over 1.000 of the redundancies were not voluntary.

Many jobs would be lost in

a long-term government policy of contracting out non-uniform jobs, the MoD said.

"This could mean that an engineer might lose his job in the RAF but continue doing the same job for a private sector

company," said a spokesman. Redundancy terms are relatively lucrative. An Air Vice-Marshal with 21 months left to serve would receive around £145,000 made up of pension payments, a terminal grant and

a special "golden handshake". There is concern within the RAF about the impact of the cuts - which include more than 200 air-crew and around a dozen top officers of the rank of Air Commodore and above. on the morale and operational effectiveness of the air force, as well as on aircraft safety.

An MoD spokesman said: We can't deny there won't be associated problems.

These cuts are the largest we can remember and obviously that is going to have an effect on people. As in any job, people are concerned about employment prospects and stability.

The spokesman added that there were still good reasons for joining the air force, including the "opportunity to receive excellent training, acquire a variety of skills and travel overseas".

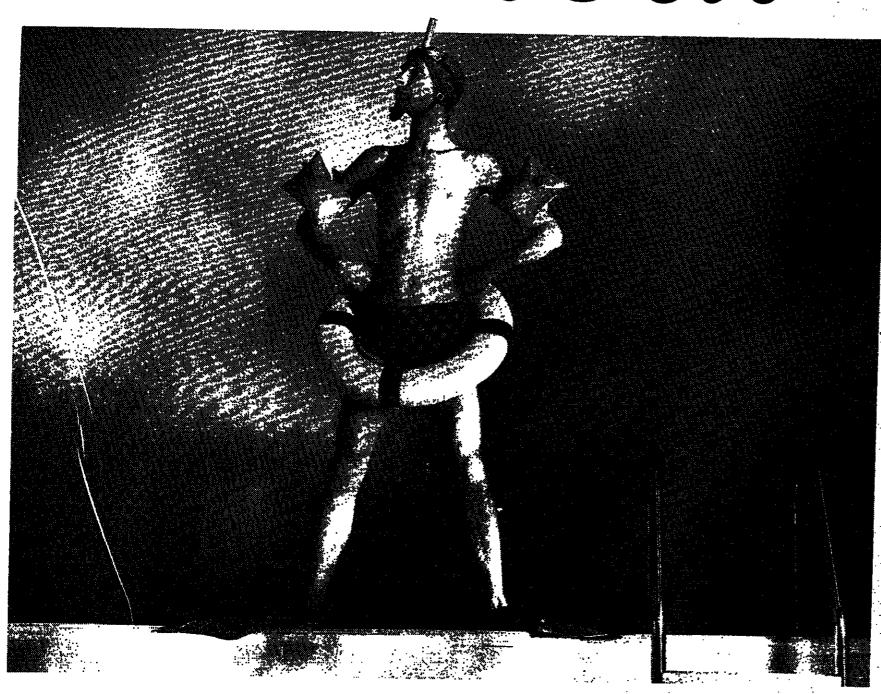
Mr Soames was yesterday officially opening the Royal Marines Barracks at Chivenor, Devon, the new home of the Commando Logistic Regiment Royal Marines and of 59 Independent Commando Squadron



Sweet celebration: The food historian Peter Brears polishing a jelly mould in the kitchen at Harewood House near Leeds, which has been restored for visitors in time for a jelly festival in May

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Mawhinney sees hope in boundaries

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, yesterday made the most optimistic forecast yet of the number of seats the Tories are set to gain from the redrawing of parliamen-

tary boundaries.
Dr Mawhinney's insistence that the changes would deliver an extra 20 seats at the next election significantly outstrips predictions by leading electoral

The claim to a parliamentary press gallery lunch was ridiculed by John Prescott, Labour's

deputy leader. The Tory party chairman also extolled the virtue of winning elections on a minority share of the vote, declaring: "Even in 1983 and 1987, when we won landslide victories, a good 58 per cent of those who voted supported other parties.

work for every vote that we can get, we do not need to win over everyone - or even most people - in order to win."

On the boundary changes, Dr Mawhinney said the Conservatives would have achieved an overall majority of 41 instead of 21 had they been in place at the 1992 election.

But Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher of Plymouth University put the figure at just 27 – a difference of six in the overall majority over all other parties. The psephologist Robert Waller, author of the The Almanac of British Politics, put the figure at 32.

Mr Prescott said the party chairman's claims reached "new depths of self-delusion . . . To give the impression that the Conservatives can't lose the next election smacks of traditional Tory complacency and ontempt for the electorate."
Dr Mawhinney said: "I am

not arguing that Conservative support is at record levels or that a Government leading a country which has been through a fough recession and naturally disliked tax increases is wildly popular. What I am saying is that we are in a stronger underlying electoral position than some commentators assume."

Dr Mawhinney said the Conservatives had "thus far" kept quiet about the impact of the new boundaries, "but our own assessment is that the changes will be worth an extra 30 seats

Mr Prescott challenged Dr Mawhinney to say why, if he believed the Tories could not lose. he went on the "chicken run". exchanging his current Peterborough seat for Cambridge North West.

"Of the new boundaries Mr Mawhinney is so pleased with, Peterborough is the Tories' 93rd most vulnerable seat. If the Tories lose Peterborough, as Mr Mawhinney expects, Labour will be forming the next Government with a comfortable working majority."

Ministers set to extend laws on terrorism

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Michael Howard is expected today to underline Britain's readiness to extend anti-terrorist legislation following the review called for yesterday by the Prime Minister at the Middle

East peace conference in Egypt. A Private Members Bill which would allow those ac-cused of "sex tourism" crimes abroad to be prosecuted in this country is already going through the Commons, and ministers support the extension of the law to cover terrorism.

The Home Secretary will also rule out any lowering of the anti-terrorism guard in Britain unless a lasting peace is restored in Northern Ireland, when MPs renew the Prevention of Terrorism Act in the Commons. Lord Lloyd, a High Court

judge, was appointed in January to review the anti-terrorism legislation to see which parts of the law could be dropped in the light of the reduced threat from Ulster following the ceasefire.

However, Mr Howard will make it clear that the bomb in Docklands, east London, last month has set back the hopes. of any significant reduction in such legislation, unless there is

a lasting cessation of violence. In his speech to the summit the Prime Minister said that Britain was already co-operating with both Israeli and Palestinian

authorities on counter-terrorism

and was urgently looking at what further practical help Britain might offer.

He called for a follow-up meeting to look at those who actively conspired to commit terrorist acts and those who abused the hospitality and pro-tection available in some countries to create a climate in

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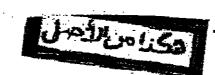
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which terrorism could flourish. Meanwhile, the Government appeared ready to give in to demands by the Ulster Unionists. led by David Trimble, for the

next stage in the peace process. The Ülster Unionists, whose votes in the Commons could be crucial to Mr Major's hopes of avoiding a general election un-til May 1997, have insisted that the elections in Northern Ireland to appoint negotiating teams should be held in the 18

parliamentary constituencies. Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party and the nationalist SDLP led by John Hume feared that basing the elections on 18 constituencies would hand a majority to the UIster Unionists and united in calling for the elections to be based on a single constituency for the whole of Northern Ireland

Ministers failed to reach agreement with the parties by the end of the consultation period yesterday. Sir Patrick Mayhew, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, is expected will announce the Government's conchisions early next week, broadly accepting Mr Trimble's case.





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Serb mayor tries to stem exodus

unity it is not, but at least one Bosnian Serb politician is trying to reach an understanding with his former enemies in Sarajevo.

Maksim Stanisic, mayor of the Serb-held districts of the capital during the war, is work-ing against the odds to persuade his neighbours to stay in the five Sarajevo suburbs reverting to Bosnian government rule. His new group, the Democratic Initiative of Sarajevo Serbs, hindered at every turn by the Bosnian Serb leadership in Pale, has made little headway so far-some 40,000 people are estimated to have fled, against about 10,000 still in the area.

But as the last hope of the in-ternational community - "the last straw", one observer said -Mr Stanisic is nurtured by foreign officials desperate for any sign of support for the peace process and the reunification of Bosnia. Mr Stanisic's decision throughout the transition.

to stay in Ilidza, which this week reverted to government control, required courage — ditions," Mr Stanisic said. Did perhaps allied to a sense that as a Serb in a united Sarajevo he might build a political base

Yesterday, he looked drawn

and nervous, chain-smoking and fiddling with his notebook An impassioned appeal for Clute. "We must try to carry on the work of the organization." must help everyone who has had

decided to leave, but at the same time we will help anyone who wants to stay," he said. The Democratic Initiative was founded last month at a meeting in Ilidza attended by around 300 people - quite a number, given that many Serbs as traitors. Aside from the genuine fears of reprisal by those the Serbs besieged for so long, stirred to fever puch by the leadership in Pale, anyone who. considers staying on in the five suburbs faces serious practical problems; those departing have

cut off utilities, and stripped factories and houses. Mr Stanisic has said there is nothing he can do to prevent such asset-stripping in Ilidza. though he is trying to ensure

we know the cartoon "Stop the world, I want to get off"? "I feel

worked before the war as the deputy administrator for Sara-

jevo, is a politician but not, he says, a member of the Serb De-mocratic Party, the nationalists led by Radovan Karadzic into war. International officials who worked with him throughout the war in his capacity as mayor of Serb-held parts of Sarajevo view him as a moderate - at least in relation to Mr Karadz-ic and his colleagues in Pale.

Mr Stanisic says he has received a positive response from the Bosnian government, but wants more in the way of guarregard those who want to stay antees that angry refugees will not be allowed to storm into the suburbs and harass Serbs there.

As llidza reverts to government rule, does he envisage a life shared with Muslims? He has said that children should be bussed to Serb schools in Lukavica, which remains under Pale's control, but what about mixed communities, shops, bus services and so on? Mr Stanisic looks uncomfortable, "I'm just saying that the Serb people here have an interest in staying here, and whether they live with or next to Muslims is not important," he said.

So if Serbs and Muslims could live together in some form, what was the point of the war? He laughed, put his head in his hands, then dodged the question in best Balkan style: must go back in time . . .



IN BRIEF

Habsburg row shakes Austria

Vienna — The secret homecoming of Austria's exiled heir to the throne unleashed a government row between social democrats and conservatives in the new coalition cabinet. Felix Habsburg-Lothringen, the 79-year-old son of Austria's last emperor who was banished with his family in 1919, secretly crossed the border at the weekend and taunted the government by holding a news conference on Monday.

Authorities left the businessman alone, arguing he posed no threat to Austrian stability. But they warned him he would be proscouted if he ever tried to sneak in again. The deputy leader of Chancellor Franz Vranitzky's Social Democrat party said: "We have no understanding for anyone who obviously still believes in the divine right of kings... and hence does not fully acknowledge the legitimacy of the republic."

Reuter

Chechen conflict 'led by mafia'

Moscow - As the latest fighting died down in Chechnya, the Russian presidential hopeful General Alexander Lebed charged that the conflict was a matia-led conspiracy. General Lebed, a critic of Moscow's 15-month campaign to crush the separatist rebels, accounts on a state level."

Latvian mass killer dies in prison

Riga — The former Soviet security chief in the Baltic state of Latvia, sentenced to life imprisonment at the age of 87 for helping organise mass deportations, has died in prison. Alfons Noviks was head of the NKVD Soviet security police in Latvia from 1940 to 1953, when thousands were jailed, deported and killed as Moscow purged anyone it suspected of opposition after its annexation of the state. Noviks, a Latvian, was convicted of genocide. Reuter

US Marines appeal sentence for rape

Tokyo - Two of the three US servicemen jailed last week for gang raping an Okinawan schoolgiri last September appealed against their sentences. Marine Private Rodrico Harp, 21, and Marine Private Kendrick Ledet, 20, were sentenced to seven years and six and a half years respectively.



A queue forms outside St Peter's, Rome, yesterday after illness caused the Pope to cancel his audience

Norway gives go ahead to seal hunting

Oslo — Norway's commercial seal hunt, including pups for the first time in seven years, will begin as planned next week. Two weeks ago, the seal bunters cancelled the hunt, claiming reductions in government subsidies would make it unprofitable. AP

We are not alone, says Nasa

Toledo — Scientists believe they could discover life outside the solar system within the next 25 years. "Yes, definitely, there's life out there," Mike Kaplan, director of US space agency Nasa's Origins programme, said during a meeting of astronomers in Toledo. "I don't think we're alone," he said.

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Kaunda barred from election

Lusaka - President Frederick Chiluba backed controversial amendments to the constitution that would bar former President Kenneth Kaunda from running against him this year. Mr Chilu-ba said the amendments, which require a presidential candidate to be born of Zambian parents, were drafted before Mr Kaunda decided last year to run for president. Mr Kaunda, 71, the son of immigrants from neighbouring Malawi, is classified a first gen-

Netherlands wins support for drugs policy

The Hague - The Netherlands has won a rare show of support from another country for its controversial drugs policy. A letter, signed by Health Minister Margarethe Nimsch of the German state of Hesse and made public yesterday, praised the liberal Dutch drugs policy and urged the Netherlands to resist foreign pressure to adopt a barder line.

Company of women proves too much

Sydney - A man who spent 15 months in Antarctica "away from the company of women couldn't wait another three days until he was reunited with his wife in China. On Monday, during a stopover in Sydney, the 39-year-old Chinese maintenance technician embraced and kissed the cheek of a maid who was cleaning his houcl room, and grabbed her breast. Shuqing Li pleaded guilty to indecently assaulting the woman and was fined £200.

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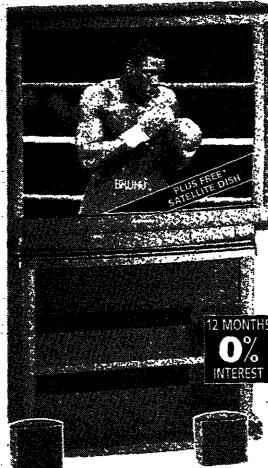
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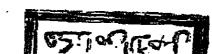
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In 1964, a brilliant Taiwanese le-gal scholar and his students produced a Manifesto to Save Taiwan. At the time, it was heresy. It called for an affir-mation that Taiwan's return to the mainland was "absolutely impossible", a new constitution to guarantee democracy. and a seat at the United Nations as a new sovereign state.

The law professor in question, Peng Ming-min, was arrested. jailed for 14 months, placed under house arrest for life but managed to escape to Europe. It was not until November 1992. after 23 years in exile, mostly in the US, that Dr Peng was able to return to Taiwan. Now he is one of four candidates in Taiwan's first democratic presi-dential elections on 23 March. Thus has Taiwan's political landscape changed. It is less

than nine years since martial law was lifted, and only four years since anyone advocating independence was committing a

But, thanks to Peking's pre-sent belligerent notion of safeguarding Chinese sovereignty. the question of independence has become the defining issue

Yesterday, as the news spread of China's fourth missile test firing into the sca near Taiwan and more naval and aircraft manocuvres. Dr Peng spelled out his vision of an independent Taiwan in which the island would formally abandon the "One China" policy. "I say Tarwan has not been, and should not be a part of China. And so-called reunification should not be a national goal," he said.

"I am not one to change our status. Taiwan has been a sovereign nation since 1949. So I just point out this fact to China, to the world. This is the reality," he said. Peking's present military manoeuvres were nothing less than "terrorism" and 'barbarism", he added.

Dr Peng is the only candidate



Colour clash: Marines in China's People's Liberation Army on recent manoeuvres on the coast of Taiwan vesterday with a fourth day of missile launches and naval and air exercises

wan's existing "de facto" independence would only be accompanied by a declaration of -de jure" independence in the case of an invasion by China.

Such distinctions are of no interest to Peking, which describes Dr Peng as an "agent" of President Lee Teng-hui, the man expected to win next week's election. Dr Peng's campaign. thunders Peking, is just an "es-cort" to take Mr Lee into office.

Mr Lee, as the candidate of the ruling Nationalist Kuomintang (KMT) party, has been at pains to point out that Peking has misconstrued his position. Reunification remained the "uldence, and even he says Tai-timate goal", he said, but not

while a communist government remains in power in Peking.

In the meantime, Mr Lee ininternational political recognition. A UN seat for Taiwan has been a campaign of the president's for the past two years. From Peking's point of view,

Mr Lee's platform amounts to a "de facto" bid for independence. Its demonisation of him outdoes the abuse which was thrown at Chiang Kai-shek, the Nationalist leader who retreated to Taiwan at the time of the Communist victory in 1949.

Both Mao Tse-tung and Chiang Kai-shek subscribed to the ideal of One China; they just disagreed on who should run it. Indeed, when Mr Chiang died in 1986, the mainland expressed 'deep condolences" and applauded him for opposing the independence of Taiwan. Mr Lee and Dr Peng represent something much worse.

Voter tactics may be crucial in determining Mr Lee's final share of the vote. He has said he wants a mandate of 50 per cent, a difficult threshold to

However, many analysts be-lieve supporters of Dr Peng, who has little hope of winning, may vote for Mr Lee to give him a healthier margin over the third candidate, Lin Yang-kang.

Mr Lin is a former stalwart of the KMT who was expelled from the party last year. His position is firmly to back a policy of reunification with China, but to leave it rather vague as to when he believes this might be able to take place, and to avoid issues such as UN membership.

In mounting its aggressive military intimidation campaign, it is presumably Mr Lin's share of the vote that Peking is seeking to increase. The fourth candidate, Chen Li-an, who manages to combine being a devout Buddhist and a former defence minister, has not focused on the One China question.

Voter preferences are hard to determine. A big majority prob-ably agrees with Dr Peng's view that de facto independence has become "a historical reality". As Dr Peng added: Tarwan has undergone a different history. And Taiwanese society and Chinese society are quite different . . . our culture, our mentality, our way of life. These are the

But for voters it is a choice of how big a gamble should Taiwan take about Peking's tolerance. In a view much-heard in Taipei, one 35-year-old clerk said: "One Taiwan, One China is the best situation. But President Lee is

Taiwan flirts with independence N Koreans flee 'Ar' in hundreds'

As many as 700 people have es-caped from North Korea and are attempting to defect to the South, according to the South Korean President Kim Youngsam. Western diplomats say that the prospect of a mass exodus from the ailing Stalinist state is causing anxiety in Seoul Since devastating floods last summer which destroyed farm-

land and washed away homes in North Korea, the annual trickle of a dozen or so defectors has turned into a steady stream. adding to speculation that the secretive republic may be approaching internal collapse.
But Mr Kim's speech, to a
group of elderly Koreans born
in the North before the peninsula was divided by the 1950 Korean War, is the first time that the Seoul government has publicly named the number of potential refugees.

"The government is accept-ing North Koreans on a selec-tive basis," Mr Kim said. "But we are experiencing a lot of dif-

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY ficulties." Seoul maintains a resettlement programme for defectors who are regularly presented to the media with lurid stories of North Korean oppression and atrocities.

Over the New Year, a diplomat in the North Korean embassy in Zambia defected with his wife, and in February, a formet wife of the North Korean leader. Kim Jong-il, was re-vealed to have fled her home in Moscow for asylum in Europe. But most of the refugees are poor workers in North Korean ogging camps, and traders who have crossed the mountainous northern border into China and Russia. A report in the Konamed Seoul officials as saying that the total number of refugees from North Korea is between 1,200 and 1,500.

"There's a worry that they may be swamped," a Western diplomat said yesterday. "The first fear is that subversives could slip in pretending to be defectors, and they're also concerned about upsetting the

Afrikaner parents step up school battle

ROBERT BLOCK Johannesburg

Conservative white parents in South Africa's Northern Province may have lost a battle for coutrol over who is admitted to Potgietersrus primary school, but their fight against the integration of their offspring with black children goes on.

Yesterday morning, the parents of about 150 Afrikaner students scuffled with police who prevented them entering a hostel where they had set up alternative classrooms.

The parents' occupation of the hostel, earlier this week, was their latest move to obtain a separate state education for their children following a court ruling last month that the school's attemot to exclude children of other races was illegal. The parents had taken over the building across the street from: the school despite threats from the provincial government that it would fight any ploy it interpreted as racist or segregation-

ist. Until last week, the children had been taught by volunteers at a local church. But the church did not have the facilities to handle 150 pupils, so the parents moved them back to the school premises for a final showdown.

In response, Ngoako Ra-

mathlodi, the governor of the Northern Province, yesterday took over control of the school and informed the governing body of his intention to dissolve it. He ordered police to close down the hostel-school by preventing anyone entering. A spokesman for the province said: "Instruction in Afrikaans continues at the school like it always has. Taking the children outof the main building and placing them in the hostel to prevent them from mixing with black

children is nothing but racism." The parents claim they are trying to guarantee their children a proper education in their native language. But the fact remains that they are in the minority. About 400 white children continue to attend classes.

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for a concert ticket as part of a several people were injured promotion. When company representatives told them no tickets were available, fans smashed shop windows, looted a newsstand and threw rubble from a nearby building site at the Coca-Cola offices.

when hit by stones during the disturbances, which continued for more than an hour. No arrests were made. The violence ended shortly after noon, when police arrive l.

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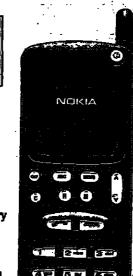


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Are we hostages to gun culture?

Would tighter gun laws or regular psychiatric testing of gun owners have helped to prevent the carnage at Dunblane? Nicholas Timmins examines the evidence

No-one knows for sure how many guns - legal or illegal - there are in Britain. The Home Office estimates there are some 396,800 legally held firearms - broadly rifles and pistols. It has a somewhat hazier estimate that there are about

1,330,000 legally held shotgins.

The number illegally owned is literally unknown—although it is known the numbers are rising with senior police officers such as Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, expressing fears of an emerging "gun culture" on the streets of Britain's inner cities. Estimates of illegal weapons range from 500,000 to a million

or more, perhaps many more.
The Dunblane tragedy is bound to lead to calls for tighter gun control. But what more could be done - short of banning all gun ownership outside the hands of the

armed forces and police - to tighten up what its advocates argue is already one of the world's tighter regimes?

The Hungerford massacre in 1987 led to the last significant tightening of British gun law. Then Michael Ryan, 27, killed 16 and wounded 13 before killing himself after going

on the rampage with weapons which included a semi-automatic Kalashnikov AK47, one of three handguns and two rifles, the other a .30-calibre MI semi-automatic carbine which he legally

The result was amendments to the 1968 Firearms Act. Ownership of high-powered selfloading rifles and burst firing weapons was made illegal, while pump-action shotguns with a magazine of more than two bullets were classified as firearms, not shotguns, requiring a tougher certificate.

It didn't stop the killings. In 1989 Robert Sartin, a 23-year-old civil servant suffering from schizophrenia, stalked the streets of Monkseaton in Whitley Bay, Tyneside, with a shotgun - killing one and wounding 16.

Since then, there have been smaller, less dramatic incidents, contributing to a total of between 50 and 71 people who have died each year in shootings of one kind or another.

Hungerford, however, brought a changed nattitude to guns by the police, according to the British Association for Shooting and Conservation, a key part of the gun lobby. Checks are tighter. Applicants have to show good reason for wanting a gun - usually target shooting or other membership of a gun club, or a farmer's requirement to deal with vermin. Any past history of mental illness has to be declared and a countersignature is required from a person of standing declaring the applicant to be of good character.

Significant numbers among the one million or so people who shoot - anything from air pistols, to Olympic gunmen to wildfowlers and deer hunters - have been driven from the sport, according to Robin Peal, the BASC's head of public affairs - "people who couldn't be both-ered with the hassle".

The result has been a fall in the number of gun certificates on issue - down to 670,000 at the end of 1994, almost a quarter fewer than in 1988 and the lowest number since 1971. Firearm certifi-

cates totalled 140,200 in 1994 - marginally more than in 1992 but 15,000 down on the 1988 total. Certificates can cover more than one weapon.

It is not, the gun lobby maintains, the legal guns that are the problem. The numbers are tiny compared to uncertificated weapons, where the estimate is that there are between two million and four million guns out there," Mr Peal says. "It is the ones the police don't know about that are the problem."

And their numbers have been growing. They range from ancient muskets to Second World War revolvers, to a recent flood of weapons from Eastern Europe following the break-up of the Soviet Union that has led police to discover submachine guns and other automatics that could not be held legally on a firearms certificate.

Illegal "armourers" will even hire out guns for crime – from around £300 for an ageing revolver

to £700 for a modern semi-auto-

of disposal.

matic handgun. The exact price, Mr Peal says, "will depend on whether it is

returned dirty or clean" - fired or

unfired - the higher price reflecting the

fact that fired ammunition can be traced

to the gun, making it "hot", and in need

So what more can be done? Bill Tupman, until recently director of the Centre

for Police Studies at Exeter University, said

yesterday that any decision about gun control "involves balancing risk against cost. When 13 children are killed, what is the cost of those lives

against the risk of it happening?"

After Hungerford, Mr Tupman undertook a

study of gun control for the BASC, when it

seemed that Hungerford "was simply a one-off". But after the Whitley Bay shootings in 1989 there were smaller incidents, and now Dunblane. He

said: "It seems someone is going berserk with a

"What is being asked for is a system which pre-

vents someone going off their head and misus-

ing guns. There are only two ways to do that. One

is to require people who hold guns to go to the

doctor for an annual certificate of fitness to hold

a firearm. The other is for gun clubs to inform

the police whenever someone they know who is

The latter they should do anyway, he argued.

and the time might be coming for the former.

"Police officers who carry guns have to be

checked twice a year, facing psychological test-ing. If the police have to do that, at what point

do we start to demand the same of anyone who

carries weapons which are capable of lethal

The gun lobby's objection, he said, would be

the cost - "and it would be incredibly costly. But

the cost has been incredible for the parents of

in possession of firearms is unstable."

gun around once a year now.

those 13 children. The argument for such a move is strengthened by the growing number of

Similar ideas surfaced after Hungerford - as the picture emerged of Michael Ryan as an oddball loner, in his very different way as much a misfit as Thomas Hamilton, the author of yesterday's massacre, appears to have been. A small man, with a deep grudge and an obsession with

But the most powerful opposition came from doctors - in the shape of the British Medical Association - which resisted the idea. A spokesman for the BMA said yesterday: "It was put to us that doctors should provide some sort of 'sanity certificate' for someone seeking a shotgun or firearms certificate, but our view is that it is frankly impossible for a doctor, particularly a GP, to do that."

Past mental illness is taken into account in issu-

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beyond that "it is virtually impossible for

a doctor to make a judgement about some-one's fitness to hold a gun," according to the

BMA. Doctors were also worried about what would happen "if they provided a certificate and the individual then went out and shot a lot

of people. Would the doctor, somehow, be held

responsible for a judgement he could not really

annually - each is renewable every three years

- "it would be frankly impossible for psychiatrists

to provide a full psychiatric examination of every-

one holding a certificate, and there would be no

guarantee even then that you would spot the peo-

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ble mental illness - was also doubted by Gerard

Bailes, a forensic psychologist specialising in

firearms who works with the Norfolk constabu-

Psychological testing is used in training and re-training, he said - but to help identify officers

who will react well under the specific stress of

The practicality of psychological - as opposed

And given the number of certificates issued

using firearms during police work. "I don't think a psychological test exists that would pick up this sort of risk," he said of Dunblane.

By coincidence, the Firearms Consultative Committee - a Home Office sponsored body which includes the police and shooting interests, is meeting today and such issues are bound to come again on to its agenda in the wake of the

The gun lobby, however, will resist, Ian McConchie, general secretary of the National Pistol Association, said he shared the horror and shock at Dunblane but would oppose "knee-jerk" calls to further tighten gun controls. "However tight you draw the law, it will never protect against someone just going over the top and losing their marbles." Perhaps, but that will not console nor persuade the parents

GUNS ABROAD

UNITED STATES

The right to keep and bear arms has rarely been out of the news recently. In 1994, the House of Representatives voted to outlaw the ownership of 19 types of assault weapon previously available. However, the US still has notoriously high homicide rates, and gun laws range state-

by-state from lax to almost non-existent.

The "gun lobby" is extremely strong in
the US, and a telling debate has been going on in this sector of society recently as to whether "the right to bear arms" should be taken in a strictly literal sense. One side argues that if a weapon is not too heavy to be borne (that is, lifted), it should be freely available to the population, in 1994, there were

600,000 incidents in which guns were used "defensively", and firearms deaths in the US average 40,000

SWITZERLAND

Almost every able-bodied man up to the age of 32 is a member of the Swiss army reserves, and maintains a gun of some sort. Many men choose to buy their gun when they leave the reserves.

Moreover, fears were recently expressed that private gun laws were so lax that Switzerland would become a major supplier of arms to the former Yugoslavia. These laws are now under review.

JAPAN

The homicide rate is roughly a quarter of that in the UK. Application can be made for permission to own a gun but in nearly all instances will be refused. For this reason, gun ownership statistics are not available. In 1993, 1,672 illegally held guns were seized by Japanese

FRANCE

Recent massacres by deranged gmmen in France, along with European legislation, have led to a fightening of gun law in France. Private ownership of handguns is now forbidden, but hunting rifles may still be bought by those who hold a bunting licence. Owners must also register their ownership of a hunting rifle with

Since 1987, when the border checks throughout Europe have eased considerably and borders to the former Communist bloc have become less restricted. Consequently. the whole of Europe has seen a booming illegal market in guns of all sorts, irrespective of new national or European gun control

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Sock it to 'em, Joanie

As Random House's executives no doubt expected, the next chapter to this year's greatest publicity stint has just

IARY been written - apparently in Joan

Lacks punch Collins's own words. without Bruno In the first weekly edition of OK magazine, Ms Collins exacts revenge on We all know that the boxing supremo Frank Warren's eye for talent is leg-

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miraculous), but

his new protégé is

not at all what one

might expect. He is a French-Transyl-

vanian, Hamp-stead-based, insom-

Sandor Szenassy

niac painter.

has, under Warren's patronage, produced 24 "intimate, psychological" portraits of boxing greats such as Holyfield,

(above), Holmes and Ali.
"People assumed," he complains,

"that if a boxing promoter is involved,

it must be some kind of ghastly, sportsart, picture perfect, titillating images of Sugar Ray Robinson, but this is simply

Szenassy first approached Warren

when he learnt that the boxing guru had a secret passion for art - his study in Hertfordshire is filled with 18th and 19th-

century prints, apparently. Warren, in

turn, fell for Szenassy's paintings imme-

diately. "They show the pride, the victory

and the pain of boxing," he enthuses.

(Image ior yourseld)
Strangely, Szenassy's first major exhibition, scheduled to open in Las Vegas
this weekend in celebration of the Mike

Tyson-Frank Bruno fight has been post-

poned. It is not clear why. Personally, I

on only think that somebody pointed out to Warren that, while the collection

includes a stumping portrait of Tyson, one of Bruno is conspicuously absent.

(Judge for yourself.)

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Meet character number one, editor Joni Evans with, as Ms Collins puts it, pion is little short of her "bottle yellow hair and a leathery

tan". Next is Kate Parkin, the "plump, plain editor-in-chief of Random UK". Another editor, Julie Grau, gets off lightly, but then she is only "a very ordinary-looking young girl". Collins reserves her real venom for Robert Callagy, the prosecuting lawyer, who is not only a "George Bush-lookalike" but also, "flinty eyed, thin-lipped and skinny ... with a stooped hump and a vinegary

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agrading thought.

appearance of a "Midwestern hick town

preacher" to boot. Not a pretty cast list, is it? Still, I'm sure they won't take the criticism per-sonally. Some may even privately thank Ms Collins for all the publicity she has given them and then publicly dismiss her descriptions of them as "rubbish" "trash" and "unpublishable"....

Many a truth...

Sheffield Crown Court may not have con curred with Simon Sunderland, jailed for five years on Tuesday, that his graffiti is an art form. But scrawled observation has definitely begun to attain a Post-Modern vision. At least I could not belp being impressed yesterday when I passed a filthy white van on the road, and instead of reading the inevitable finger-drawn "also available in white", I read: washed in Yorkshire water".

Racing quip

Could it be that Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber has finally wiped the perma-grin from his face and is publicly venting his frustration at bad reviews of his musicals over the years? It would certainly appear so from recent correspondence

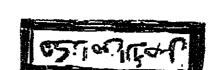
in the Sporting Life.
Sir Andrew writes in response to a published letter by Tony Roestenburg. head of the racecourse caterers Letheby & Christopher, who declares he was "saddened" to read Sir Andrew's severe criticisms of L&C food in his new foodie column in the Daily Telegraph: "I have regrettably declined Mr Roestenburg's generous invitation to join him at Ascot and Cheltenham. Wearing my theatre producer's hat, I believe it unethical to contact critics about individual productions. Besides, if I asked every critic who has written a bad review of one of my shows to meet me, I'd never have the time to go racing!" Ooooooh, touchy!

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Dunblane's grief

beyond words

Words, when Dunblane asks for know about what happened to their children in that gym class.

Stand and fight, Ken

Brain-drain Britain

try to understand the incomprehensible.

bers. We look for character traits, analogies, consequences. But how much of that will enable us to solve the same impossi-

ble puzzle that assails the nation: they were children, five- and six-year-olds, in a gym class, doing what five- and six-year-

olds do, laughing, playing, moaning, shouting, hoping, dreaming, Children in

a gym class. How could it be? How could

anyone, in however twisted a mind, turn

so unfathomable. A deranged man kills

children in a violent slaughter. Yet there

is no calculus we can use to tell us

whether or how our age is, in some grand moral scheme, any better or worse than previous ages. What is sure is that, unlike

those times, these days we know instantly

almost as much as the people of Dunblane

Man of the people Kenneth Clarke doesn't, it seems, trust the people.

The Tory politician who has made his image in the Stanley Baldwin mould -

Midlands man, downing pints - who has

put one of the most attractive faces on

post-Thatcher Conservatism - may have

come a cropper. If his "friends" are to be

trusted (and the bane of many a politician's life are the Doppelgänger who go on Newsnight and ventriloquise for them),

Mr Clarke thinks a referendum on Euro-

pean monetary union is a resigning issue.

the kind of question to be put and the

electoral dynamics. The Chancellor's cab-

inet colleagues will surely reflect maturely

before taking the unprecedented step of

reaching out to the people, providing

them with information and arguments and

inviting their direct participation in their

indeed. If they took that step, we hope

Kenneth Clarke would be out there on the

crease, not skulking behind the sight

screens. His start to feel like the politics

of petulance. If this is the best the pro-

Europe and ostensibly pragmatic wing of

F inding a cure for Alzheimer's ranks up there with Aids cures, cancer

cures and world peace. Anyone who has

scen a relative lose their memory and

their personality to the disease, or merely

followed the decline of Felix on the

BBC's Our Friends in the North, should

toast to a group of scientists at the

Roskamp laboratories in Tampa, Florida.

They have made a significant new dis-

covery about the mechanics of the disease.

But it is not an American discovery. Five

years ago, a team at St Mary's Hospital in

London established a genetic component

in Alzheimer's disease. When British uni-

versities and hospitals couldn't stump up

enough cash and facilities to fund inten-

sive research, many of the scientists were

Anyone who is thinking of getting his or her life story down on paper and doesn't know how to start

should invest immediately in an invaluable booklet called How to

Write Your Autobiography, published

by the Inland Revenue. This neat lit-

tle volume is packed full of hints on how to marshal the facts of your life,

and even more important, how to

organise your life before you get

"Never throw anything away"

seems to be the golden rule of the art

of autobiography, if the Inland Rev-

enue can be believed. "You will be

amazed at how much the merest

scrap of paper can reveal," it says.

Let us say, for instance, that you

have a faded receipt for petrol from

some motorway service area. Your

instinct is to chuck it in the bin. But

wait a minute! That petrol receipt will

tell you exactly where you were at

what time, on what day. It will tell you

that you were not at home but were

out on a long trip somewhere. With

luck, you can reconstruct the story of

have to do the same. For instance,

someone might claim petrol bills

against tax. If we looked closely at

them, we might find that five or 10

of them have the same date on them,

"We at the Inland Revenue often

one whole day from one receipt!

round to writing the book.

to see it through.

bringing them closer to finding a cure.

That would be a Tory revolution

own government.

It isn't. Too much hinges on the timing.

children into creatures to be killed? At times like this the modern world is

We assemble facts, names, lists, num-

dren in that gym class.

As a result, Dunblane belongs to us all,

at once, wherever we are. We share the

shock and disbelief. We share the jumble

of feelings of sadness, impotence, outrage,

If you are a parent, any parent in the land this morning, it will have been almost too painful to watch the scenes at Dunblane

yesterday. Today you will feel a wave of

relief that your child was not in that gym,

did not see that man, was not robbed of

There will be questions. Can school

security be improved? Should firearms

owners be psychological profiled? Are gun laws strict enough? But they can wait.

Dunblane this morning must feel like the

worst place on earth. We can only offer its people sympathy and space, to come to terms with their terrible loss and abid-ing grief. And the other thing we can do

is quietly to rejoice in our children and

party's future direction and Britain's future in Europe are raised, then it is a

Tory commentators have reacted to the

Government's White Paper preparatory

to the Inter-Governmental Conference

with striking agreement and optimism.

We are all Euro-sceptics now, they said,

arguing there was enough in the docu-

ment to keep the party together for a while longer. Kenneth Clarke himself has

previously said all bets were off till that

midnight hour in 1999 when existing

obligations require a decision on joining

By that stage, with Sir James Goldsmith still marauding about, we might well be

wondering whether the unity of the Con-

servative Party was, any longer, in the

national interest. It may be that too

clearly pro- and anti-European parties would be more honest and open. Indeed,

a referendum might yet be the mechanism

through which that split occurs. But Mr

Clarke, as the main standard-bearer of the

Tory left in Britain - let's not forget Chris

Patten prowling around his Hong Kong

cage - needs to be in that debate pas-

sionately as a member of the Govern-

research facilities and closer links with

industry abroad have long been cited as

the causes of the notorious brain-drain

of scientists from British universities.

Many US universities, for example, draw

heavily on sponsorship from commercial

companies. In Britain, disdain for science

among businesses combined with suspi-

cion of commerce among academics

have inhibited productive partnerships

Universities across the country are becom-

ing ever more imaginative - and desper-

ate - in their search for cash. Leading com-

puter companies say research technology

in universities is usually so outdated that

they need to retrain graduate researchers

anyway. The best international companies

The pressure for change is growing.

a single currency.

life, forced to succumb to that death.

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seduced abroad - among them Professor now realise the importance of vibrant Michael Mullan, who joined the Roskamp research cultures that could match any-thing on offer in a university. Research group. So there we were, the Brits, at the forefront of medical research. Sadly, we partnerships between companies and unididn't have the cash and the commitment versities will be vital if Britain is not to lose more Professor Mullans and find its way Higher salaries, more status, better back to the frontier of research.

for too long.

The story of your life? Get it in writing

and the same garage name. Odd, that. Why has someone got 10 receipts for petrol from the same place? Could it be because he has been driving up and down that road. constantly running out of petrol at the same place? Or could it be because he picked up lots of other people's receipts at that garage and tried, no doubt in error, to pass them off as his

"A thing like that tells you a lot about a person. And to take care of telling details, and to make sure they are not lost, we cannot stress too highly the importance to the future autobiographer of keeping all documentation. In a big cardboard box. In files. In desk drawers. Anywhere, as long as you keep them and, of course. don't try to alter the figures on

The booklet also stresses the importance of keeping a record of

people you meet and work with.
"How often do you hear absolutely fascinating stories from people you employ round the house, plumbers, stonemasons, builders and so on? You could make a whole book out of those stories. In fact, some people have - think of A Year In Provence, for example! But wouldn't it be tragic if you tried to remember the name of the man who had told you such a great story, and you couldn't, simply because you'd forgotten to write it down. So, make it the simple golden rule to always get a written receipt from every person you employ, with all the details - even if he would like to be paid in cash! In fact, especially

if you paid him in cash ..." The Inland Revenue also stresses the importance of the little personal touch in the art of autobiography.

'So much can be revealed in these little incidents," says the booklet. "Let's say, for instance, that you get a taxi to Paddington and ask the taxi driver for a receipt to cover the journey, which cost £5. Now, what if the taxi driver says, with a wink, 'How much shall I make it for, guv?' Or if he gives you a whole handful of blank receipts and makes it clear you can fill them all in at your leisure? What would your reaction to that be? The answer can be very

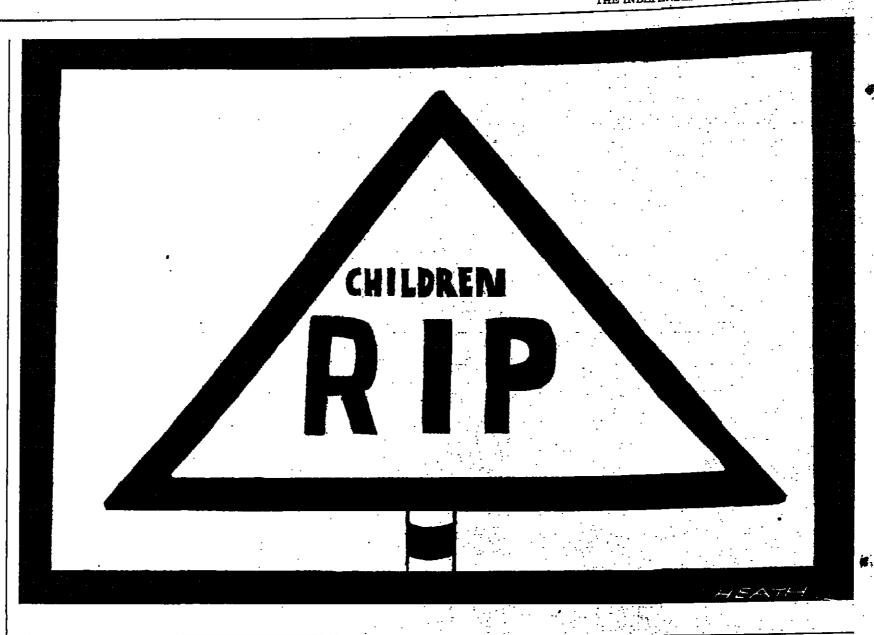
The booklet ranges over the whole of life and its important aspects -travel, family life, work, entertainment, etc - and is especially good on activities done under an assumed name. It covers the momentous moments of life ("Ever done a big, big transaction in cash? Let's hear about it!") but is not ashamed to encourage gossip about the small things ("Ever heard some discreditable but fascinating things about famous people? Let's have all the details - you can't shock people nowadays!"). But the four big lessons in autobiography are spelt out again at the end, in case you haven't got the

1. Get everything in writing. 2. Don't throw away or hide

3. Don't get any help with your autobiography from some smartarsed accountant who might encourage you to store some of your life's details overseas.

4. Get everything right in your life story, because if you don't, you might go to prison for a very long

'How to Write Your Autobiography', published by the Inland Revenue, price £15.99 (or from me for only a tenner).



• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

'Feelgood' factor is not good for the economy | It is time for a referendum

Sir. The "feelgood factor" results from not having to worry about money ("Where's the feelgood factor?", 9 March). Not having to worry about money results from excessive wage increases, and leads to a lack of concern about prices. This in turn allows prices to rise beyond what is absolutely necessary as a result of increasing costs. This leads to excessive inflation, which quickly elimi-nates the short-lived feelgood

The Germans have never known or understood the socalled "feelgood factor", in spite of having built one of the most successful post-war economies. Even when their economy was growing rapidly, inflation never took off because the German people will never allow suppliers to increase prices unnecessarily. Our country has suffered in the

issues are, your editorial ("The

wrong way to fight crime", 8

March) was right to suggest that

the current dispute between the

Home Secretary and the Lord

Chief Justice is largely irrelevant

to the reduction of crime. It is,

however, wrong to speak of "over-

hasty reforms ... in the early Nineties that made sentencing more lenient". Compared with all

the vote-catching initiatives that have superseded it, the Criminal

Justice Act 1991 was a carefully

thought-out and coherent strategy

which complemented the Woolf

report's vision of a more humane

In truth, however, the 1991 framework was given only a few months to work before key parts of

it were removed, and the scene set

for Michael Howard's lamentable

"prison works" strategy. One con-

sequence of this is a penal system

yet again on the edge of collapse.

Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

and effective penal system.

past because there have been periods when we have been unconcerned about prices.

The last three years or so have seen unprecedented price stability in this country, accompanied by low wage increases. Nobody feels good about this because we still have to worry about how much we are spending. But if we ever stop worrying about this, and the feelgood factor returns, we should be clear that inflation, high interest rates and recession

are only just around the comer. We are having to make an important psychological step forward, which is to accept that a successful economy is built on hard work and increased productivity, rather than the artificial money-stimulated booms of the past. Politicians will never admit it, but, while getting people to feelgood" may be a political

Look to the Probation Service when dealing with crime

been in political limbo. Slowly,

through internal critique, it is

remaking itself, recognising that

it must provide, and be seen to

provide, a service for the whole

community. It is putting its blink-ered and nostalgic defence of

social work training behind it, but

not, quite rightly, its due regard

for the place of care and support in all effective work with offend-

ers, or its belief that social exclu-

sion lies at the root of much, if

by a soulless managerialism, it is

to the Probation Service, in part-

nership with reputable voluntary

agencies, that one should look for

the new ways of dealing with crime

to which your editorial referred. Its

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Dt MIKE NELLIS

potential remains untapped.

Since the demise of the phi-losophy underpinning the 1991 repeatedly declared his intention

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number. (Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk)

So long as it is not undermined

not all, criminal behaviour.

aim, it is the last possible goal of a serious wealth-creating economic policy. DAVID MERCER

Sir: I am not so naive that I believe policies win elections, but this government seems determined to rely on the elusive "feelgood factor" which Kenneth Clarke appears to force

upon us at every opportunity.

I have news for Mr Clarke and his friends: you don't feel good without a job, when a hospital turns you away because there's no bed, when your children struggle to get a decent education, or when you see Parliament abused by its own elected members.

Too many people feel bad for the rest of us to feel good.

to be tough on crime and crimi-

term place the public at risk.

Probation Service in addressing

criminality and the underlying

causes of offending (most notably

substance misuse), serves to

increase recidivism.

DR C G BRAMMER

Lymm, Cheshire pean nor all the 45,000-strong.

nals, reflecting what he believes the public wants. Now, in con-Sir: I was delighted to discover junction with an increasing prison population, he proposes yet further legislation which will inevitably place greater demands on the decreasing resources of the Prison Service and in the longer In common with many others working in criminal justice, the Lord Chief Justice takes the view that the detection of the criminal is the most effective deterrent. Research repeatedly shows that imprisonment's net effect is to Conversely, the work of the

rate considerably.

reduce the likelihood of further criminal behaviour. A J BARROW Chief Probation Officer Suffolk Probation Service

Flaming days in high school

Sir: Regarding the origin of "flame" in Charles Arthur's A to Z of the digital world (11 March), when I was a high school student in Canada in the 1970s, "flame" was the commonly used contraction of "shot down in flames".

Being Canadian, and with pre-tentions toward bilingualism, we eventually switched to "bruler" or brulesville, but the original connotation of "flame", with its quasi-violent vision of a WWII Icarus plummeting towards ignominy remained with us

London SW3

Taipei appeals for peace

Sir: Regarding your leading article, "Resisting the roar of the dragon" (12 March), it is absolutely untrue that President Lee Teng-hui is committed to independence which you mentioned in your article. President Lee Teng-hui has reiterated his stance against independence and appealed for peaceful solutions many times on different occasions.

MICHAEL KUO Assistant Director Press and Information Taipei Representative Office in the UK

Sir: My thanks to Andrew Reid registered supporters of the Ref-(Letters, 12 March) who clearly took the time to read Sir James's letter to the candidates and supporters of the Referendum Party in Monday's newspaper. As president of the Young Conservative Group for Europe, Mr Reid must firmly believe that the British people's interests are best served by the Maastricht treaty and the creation of a federal Europe. Why then is he so opposed to a referendum?.

It brings us back to the same old argument that those in favour of Maastricht are against the idea of a full debate on the subject leading to a vote by the people. They constantly refer to the Referendum Party as anti-European. That is incorrect. Neither are all the 400 selected parlia-mentary candidates anti-Eurothat the potential loss of our national sovereignty is a decision to be taken by the people. As for Mr Reid's suggestion that we want a referendum "allowing the public a retrospec-

erendum Party. They are, how-

ever, all 100 per cent of the belief

tive vote on the Maastricht treaty", it served the government to do it in 1975, when, and here I repeal a quote that Sir James used in his letter, there was "to question of any erosion of essential national sovereignty So now, when there is clear a huge amount to lose and a deci-

sion to be made that will affect generations to come, is it not time to let the people decide? SEBASTIAN C SAINSBURY

Parliamentary Candidate for The Referendum Party : London SW7

teenagers were being mocked

with such comments as: "we have

Generation Zzzz and "Come

back, James Dean". Without-

A typical teenager mayed to find that we British answers back

from your article ("The changing face of the British teenager", 9 March) that I am in fact a typical British youth of the Nineties. I'm 17 years old, I own two pairs of Converse trainers, I listen to Blur, Jarvis Cocker is my "icon" and, other than the fact that I have never worn a "puffa jacket", I seem to be in keeping with my peers. That is to say I feel my education is very important, I agree that the age of consent for marriage should be higher, I'm not particularly interested in politics and it is my belief that stricter discipline would reduce the crime

However, I was slightly dis-

wishing to sound like the stereotypical media portrayal of an adolescent, I find this very unfair! Will it ever be possible for teenagers to satisfy their elders? I accept that the figure of 59 per cent of us having no interest in politics makes us appear apathetic; but for my part the only

access I have to the world of politics is to watch MPs, on all sides, making a mockery of the democratic process by showing more interest in scoring points off each other than even attempting to sort out the problems of society. This doesn't exactly inspire me.

KIM COVENEY Reading, Berkshire

Amber for animal welfare

Sir. Joyce D'Silva writes (Letters, 12 March) that the Nuffield Council on Bioethics has given a green light for pig-human organ In fact, Professor Albert

Weale, the chairman of the council's working party on xenotransplantation, summed up the message as "Proceed, but proceed with caution, always paying attention to the highest standards of patient care and animal wel-fare." In terms of traffic lights. this is perhaps more like the flashing amber on a pelican

If Joyce D'Silva and Compassion in World Farming examine the report, they will find that Chapter 5 contains detailed discussion and recommendationsfor action to promote the welfare of transgenic pigs that may be used for transplantation.

DAVID SHAPIRO **Executive Secretary** Nuffield Council on Bioethics London WC1

Anachronistic birthright

Sir: Who is Earl Russell (Letters, 11 March) to talk of a voting system that provides true representation? He insists that he has a birthright ie a right given by birth, to speak in, and influence, our legislature.
Let him divest himself of this

anachronism and then talk seriously about an elected Commons (and even a Second Chamber). MARTIN SHAW London N14

Princely president

Sir. Barbara Muir (Letters, 11 March) is apparently of the opin-ion that the Prince of Wales would be eminently suited to be president of the republic that we may one day enjoy by virtue of his Welsh, Irish, Scottish and English ancestry. She seems to have overlooked the fact that his father is Greek and that his mother's lineage is largely German.

Mark Unsworth Sproxton, Leicestershire

Concrete values

Sir: What's the difference between a gang rapist, a drink-drive murderer and a talented graffiti artist? At least one more year in jail - if you're the artist 'Artist' drawn to crime is jailed for five years", 13 March).

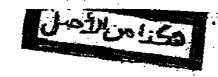
What kind of perverted society are we that values the appearance of a slab of concrete more than a human life or. human dignity?

PETER LAWRENCE Thame,

Romantic realist

Sir: Jeffrey Richards suggests ("The BBC's voice of two nations", 13 March) that the BBC is catering for two auditions ences in its recent successes Out Friends in the North and Pride and Prejudice. He sets the radical realist against the nostalgic romantic. Surely many viewers like myself find well-made drama of most types equally attractive or am I alone in being a realist. with an escapist streak?

W CUMBER Marcham, Oxfordshire



comment

This, finally, is Clarke's sticking point

With the Cabinet shifting its centre of gravity, the Chancellor feels lonely on the great issue of Europe

The scene: somewhere in Africa. As far as the eye can see, grey-brown weldt shimmers in the heat. The heat dum it was Michael Portillo, not is intense and the silence is utter. It is broken only once, by an aardwolf belching, many miles away. But not everything is quite as it should be. From the shadow of a lone baobab tree, its boughs heavy with mooching bustard, there comes the smell of cheap cigar smoke. And -look! - two feet protrude. And they are wearing Hush Puppies.

Kenneth Clarke (for it is he) has bewildered colleagues by his departure today for the dark continent. At home, the Conservative Party is driving itself into a frenzy about Europe, referendums and similar. Debates are planned, show-downs pencilled in. But the Chancellor, wobbling on the edge of resignation, will take no part. He has gone to commune with the meerkat and the secretary-bird.

Mr Clarke might reasonably sav that had he waited until the Tory party was not in a frenzy over Europe, he would have been stuck in Britain for ever. Maybe. But he has left an aggressive message about his position. MPs have been waiting for him to deny that he might go. But as I write, no such

Ministers have been expressing amazement at the notion that the Chancellor of the Exchequer might resign over something as nebulous and far-off as a plebiscite on monetary union - something that would only

ment how many people choose of their own free will to visit Britain.

Flocking here in the dead of winter

from places like Malaysia, Thailand,

the Seychelles and the South of

France, they wrap themselves in frigid

queues around the walls of Mme Tus-

sauds, churn up the mud in Beatrix

Potter's garden, stare at castles, chew

scones and swill tea and mooch dis-

consolately through the streets of

Their motivations are varied but,

however irrational, the important thing

for the economy is that they continue

to come. Travel and tourism represent

5 per cent of our gross domestic prod-

omy annually. Last year, we welcomed 23.6 million visitors from overseas, who

spent nearly £12bn; and 87,800 new

million already in existence.

iobs were created, adding to the 1.5

The decision of Heritage Secretary Virginia Bottomley not to renew the

part-time contract of the director of

the British Tourist Association and the

English Travel Board, Adele Biss,

announced on Monday, will not halt

the industry in its tracks. Incoming

growth this year, and if they turn out

to be badly wrong, it is more likely to be the fault of the IRA than of Mrs

But Ms Biss's going, after only three years in the job, gives pause for thought. Within the industry, no one

has anything but praise for her; per-

plexity at her sacking is likewise uni-

versal. One theory is that the two

women just failed to hit it off. More

plansibly it is suggested that Mrs Bot-

tomley's department smarted under

Ms Biss's relentless criticism of gov-

ernment underfunding, and fiercely

resisted her attempt to increase the

amateurism, that had been kicked like

a punctured football from one gov-ernment department to another, Ms

Biss brought marketing skills honed at

have recently learnt that my design for the £86m Cardiff Bay Opera

House has been killed off. I am bitterly

disappointed: anger is too simple a

word to describe my emotions. My

upset is not only because I personally feel tremendously sad about some-

thing I have worked for years to achieve. It is because this decision is

a tragedy for the people of Wales. The

innovative nature of my design, which

had already passed over numerous hurdles, promised to provide the Welsh capital and opera with a cele-

bration of creative imagination with

which to mark the new millennium. Its

winch to mark the new inheritum. Its rejection, by stubborn short-sightedness and conspiratorial backstabbing is a triumph for petty-mindedness.

fection of local politicians and business

people who got together last week at the institute of Wales. By blackballing

the project, they destroyed any chance

it might have of winning funding from the Millennium Commission.

The people of Wales should know

what they have lost. Gone is the

prospect of a 2,000-seat theatre incor-

porating the best acoustics that would

show musicals, cabaret, pantomime, Sydney Opera House did for Australia dance and opera. The Welsh National has been needlessly frustrated: my

The villains of this piece are a col-

Coming into a business beset by

BTA's independence.

Bottomley.

tour operators predict 8.4 per cent

bo to the

Clarke, who was the most hostile. But

really, there is no mystery.

What has happened is that the traditional pro-European view in the Bory party has been elbowed from the mainstream to the marginal in a remarkably short space of time. Clarke was once only one of a number of key ministers who were all basically integrationist. There was Hurd, Chris Patten, David Hunt, Malcolm Rifkind, William Waldegrave, Tristan Garel-Jones, Michael Heseltine. Oh yes, and that John Major, too.

Now they are all either gone, or have changed their views, or both. Heseltine doesn't seem to be going to the final ditch on the referendum issue. Among the other cabinet players, John Gummer isn't powerful enough really to help Clarke; while Stephen Dorrell, as a potential leadership candidate, has been busy demonstrating to right-wingers that he is acceptable.

So this is not really about the referendum. It is about Clarke's position in the Government and, inseparable from that, the status of the pro-Maas-tricht, strongly pro-EU Tories. They feel very isolated; as if their party is

slipping away.
What has been happening to the Tories is a little like the Buchanan-v-Wall Street revolt that has shaken the US Republican Party. The pro-pound happen, after all, if a Tory Cabinet had first voted to abolish the pound. When of course, but they are also fighting for

the industry's standards to interna-

tional level. For all her good works -

and there is a limit to the amount that

anyone can do on two days a week -

it's painfully clear from Mrs Bottom-

ley's action that a punctured football

It is difficult to obtain a clear pic-

ture of the true state of Britain's

tourist industry. From one perspective,

given the many millions of visitors, it

has never looked more prosperous.

Yet Ms Biss has asserted that it is in

long-term decline compared with

other destinations for foreign visitors,

The traditional approach

was to let Britain market

itself and let the foreign

johnnies like it or lump it

while its appeal to the British them-

selves has been in absolute decline

ever since we began forsaking our

dunes and corrugated iron windbreaks for the Costa Brava. The number of

iobs created in the industry suggests

rude health, but there was a deficit of 23.7bn between what British holiday-

makers spent abroad last year, and

The appearance of rude health is because, once they've got a bit of

money in their pockets, milling around

in large airplanes is how people all

over the world like to spend it.

Inevitably, a lot of them end up here.

But, relative to many other countries, we are still on the slide.

will pass on to her successor is that sell-

ing a country is an odd sort of business.

It is a much more ticklish challenge

than selling biscuits or whisky or

Superguns.
On the one hand, you have what

The house that never was: Zaha

Opera, one of the finest opera tour-

ing companies in Europe will not, as

result, have a home. A project that promised to do for Wales what the

Hadid with her winning design

The problem Ms Biss inherited and

what overseas visitors spent here.

is what the industry remains.

Tt is a matter of constant astonish- Unilever, and a determination to hoist



John Major is the only one in Cabinet with a personal veto

familiarity and nationality against supranational forces. In both cases, it has been a popular uprising against the assumptions of the élite. And however blokey Clarke may seem, he has been firmly with the élite.

He may have already privately accepted that this stand disqualifies him from becoming leader of today's Tory party - however much he impresses them by his handling of the economy in general, and the Governor of the Bank of England in particular.

As the Man in the Treasury, Clarke has become increasingly self-confident. There has been no serious pressure from Number 10 for a tax-slashing pre-election splurge. If his nerve paid off, and he delivered a stronglooking economy at election time, he would normally have expected a huge personal dividend from the party.

But he will not pay the necessary price of pretending a modish anti-Europeanism. Other ministers, who have moved, shouldn't be surprised. As Philip Stephens, of the Financial Times, recalls in a new book, Politics and the Pound, Clarke took the decision not to temporise over a year ago, when he refused repeated requests from Major to tone down a speech denying that British membership of a single currency would have strong constitutional implications.

As Stephens writes, he even ignored the advice of his own political adviser, Tessa Keswick, who "was conscious that such a speech, offering not the slightest concession to the right of the party, could end permanently Clarke's hopes of eventually succeeding Major. Keswick was right, but the Chancelior would not be moved".

He has always despised trimmers. His critics would say he has made a fetish of his own immovable consistency on this subject. Certainly, it has done him no good personally. Since Douglas Hurd left the Cabinet, shifting its centre of gravity, Clarke has undoubtedly felt lonely on the great issue of Europe; but it has been an isolation he has never flinched from.

Even then, that might not have mattered had Major handled it differently. At one level, this resolves itself into the oldest political question: who rules? Is the Cabinet a miniature Parliament. clustered around the Prime Minister; or is it a conclave of party barons, the grandest of whom have an effective veto over big changes in policy?

while the Prime Minister cannot carry change against a majority of the Cabmet or an alliance of its grandes members, he is the only minister with a personal veto. No one else is so grand that he or she can hold back an idea to which most of the rest of the Cabinet is committed. In this case, Clarke-plus-Heseltine would have been enough to stop Major. But Clarke by himself may not be. This leaves Cabinet ministers who

find themselves in a minority on a seri-ous issue with a stark choice; shut up, or go. When it comes to a real bustthere are few intermediate options. So the only question left is whether Clarke thinks this is big enough to resign over. Were it only the referendum, that would indeed be a pretty bizarre view to take. But it isn't only the referendum. Clarke has been watching the European argument slip, and slip, and slip. We have become used to anti-Maastricht Tories saying that the European issue is "bigger than the party". Why should there not be some pro-Europeans who look at

sceptics trying to close off British options and think the same thing? I don't know if Clarke is there yet. But as a traditional pro-European, a some point he had to make a stand to say: no more. It seems that the referendum is his chosen sticking-point; and he is sticking. Now he has 10 days away from the chatter of Westminster to sit under African skies, smoke cigars, and contemplate his choices. There, and here, the bustards are waiting.

Blair takes the coward's way out

Labour compromises its honour by not opposing a renewal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act, says Polly Toynbee

Today marks a new low in the honour of new Labour. Few people will agree and the public will not care. Every big battalion is on the same side -but that does not make them right. Labour's abstention on the renewal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act, after 15 years of vigorously opposing it, will be a cowardly act of cynicism.

As Shadow Home Secretary. Tony Blair gave good reasons for Labour's opposition to the Act. He said there were "two fundamental flaws in the Order - exclusion orders and the absence of judicial review of the extraordinary power of detention". He said the Act was "virtually unique in the Western world" and "contrary to the principles of British justice". He rightly condemned those who "cravenly accept" an Act because its title says it will prevent terrorism.

Those fundamental flaws remain unchanged, but now new Labour "cravenly accepts" them. Exclusion orders mean internal exile, banning Britons from mainland Britain without evidence or right to appeal. Over the past few years some 90 people have been excluded at any one time. Apart from its natural injustice, Protestants complain bitterly at Northern Ireland being treated as a dumping ground for people we would prefer did their terrorism on the other side of the water. Some 7,000 people have

been detained under the Act over the years, allowing police to hold them incommunicado for up to seven days. Labour has always wanted a judge to be called in immediately to review each case. Now, it seems, such reservations do not matter any more. Labour weasels out of the issue by saying it awaits the findings of a government review of the Act. Opposing the Act "would send quite the wrong message at this time". say several of its previously strong opponents. The message they worry about, though. is designed not for the IRA but for the voters. Also, the depressing truth is that this has verything to do with Labour pleasing the Unionists in the current delicate Westminster minuet and little to do with fur-

thering peace in Ireland. Most of those detained under the Prevention of Ter- start of the Troubles there was rorism Act are released without a fear that our democracy was charge or explanation. Sarah Cohen's was a typical case: in this violence. In the event, the the night came thunderous bangs on the door and nine men with machine-guns kicked their way in. One of them the Noes lobby, the party's hon-

fucking floor" and put his foot on her neck before dragging her away to a police cell, where she was strip-searched and left alone without a lawyer, food or water for 10 hours. Then she was suddenly released without questioning, with a black eye, bad bruising, no apology, no explanation. They could have kept her for seven days until she confessed". Paul Hill of the Guildford Four, falsely imprisoned for 15 years, was the first person arrested under the Act. Today marks exactly five years since the Birmingham Six were

released after 17 years in jail. Well, you may say, there is a war on, Here in Canary Wharf. we have felt it shake our tower.

Most of those detained under the Act are released without charge

Rough things happen in wars: what do you expect? If beating up a few innocent Irishmen and their friends saves one baby in Warrington, it's worth it. I would agree. The question is, does the Prevention of Terrorism Act prevent any bombings. or catch any terrorists? Very few of those arrested under its provisions have ever been charged with terrorist offences. Those terrorists who were arrested under it were not caught by the Act but by detective work and inside information. Duffing up Irishmen may satisfy frustrated policemen. but it also creates fertile breeding grounds of resentment that

give succour to real terrorists. There are two kinds of laws: those designed To Do Something and those designed To Be Seen To Do Something, Such a one was the Prevention of Terrorism Act, an emergency measure introduced in the emotional four days after the Birmingham pub bombings - a bad time to make a bad law.

The Act breaches the Euro-

Rights. A country can derogate from its provisions, if a nation itself is threatened, not just individual lives. But is Britain threatened as a nation? At the not robust enough to withstand only real dent in democracy has come from the Act itself. Today, when Labour fails to walk into screamed at her to "get on the our will be yet another casualty.

An industry gone on holiday Peter Popham laments the departure of an effective director of the British Tourist Association it or lump it. Besides being the least demanding, this approach accorded with the unspoken assumption that having foreigners swilling around our streets in large numbers was really a rather rum do, something to be tolerated rather than actively encouraged.

industry the Government is minded to take seriously: whether it is to be forced to bumble on, chronically underfunded, chaotically structured, and guided by a part-timer, as hitherto; or whether its importance to the nation's economy is for the first time to receive proper financial recogni-

Ms Biss has done a heroic job of making bricks with the bare minimum of straw; but by trying to turn the BTA into a more serious and independently minded organisation, she seems to have paid with her job. The irony is that the reforms she was pressing for are exactly what the industry needs.

that look forward to the next millen-

nium. The failure of my design,

despite its success in passing all the

tests set for it, is a ghost that will haunt

the Millennium Commission. It now looks like a bureaucratic body that is

ill-equipped to respond to forward-looking ideas.

also questions the whole process of architectural competitions in this coun-

try- which are often the best way to

choose between rival designs. But above all, the biggest question is that,

given the golden opportunity to reap-ply for Millennium Commission fund-

The decision to kill off the project



udices: Beefeaters, castles, Shakespeare, golf, Big Ben. Shake these expectations too violently and you may turn people off altogether, causing them to drift away in bemusement. Ram them home too stolidly and you risk boring people to death.

On the other hand, you have the bewildering fragmentation of the your potential customers expect of the place, their preconceptions and prejindustry itself: 120,000 small businesses, huge hotel chains, theme

A loss for architecture and for Wales

Zaha Hadid bemoans the rejection of her radical design for the Cardiff Bay Opera House

design would have been the catalyst for the rejuvenation of the entire Cardiff Bay area, drawing in visitors,

The design team planned to inte-

grate a 10,000-square metre wing for the National Museum and Galleries of

Wales into the opera house site. This

would have featured a glass jewel, housing a 13th-century Celtic cargo

boat, recently unearthed in the River Severn. Additionally, there would have been a 300-seat Imax theatre and

exhibition spaces to show the evolu-

tion of Wales within the context of

investment and tourism.

parks, souvenir shops, stately homes, beach resorts, festivals, caravan parks - all clamouring furiously to be promoted abroad. The job of the BTA was somehow to derive a tune from this horrible cacophony, and sing it in siren tones to potential customers.

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world history. The whole panorama of Cardiff Bay and the docks would have unfolded beyond an open-plan floor of nautical artifacts. The new design's emphasis on Welsh museum, art and popular music powerfully addressed concern that this would be an élitist building. This opera house and its accompanying museum promised to be a cultural complex for all the peo-

The design had passed many tests. It had emerged as winner in an international architectural competition with 269 entries over two rounds. No one could fairly doubt that the winning design had been been selected because

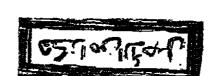
of its architectural and technical merit. Indeed, it had come to prominence despite being submitted as an outsider, rather than from one of four wellknown architectural practices which were specially invited to participate in

the final round. The design captured the imagination of the local press, the architectural press and the national press, generat-ing thousands of column inches. It was exhaustively re-examined, even after it was picked. Yet, it survived even this

Although the decision to stop the roject so abruptly has been made in Wales, there are wider implications that will beg questions from all the organisations involved in this bid. The first will be to the Millennium Commission itself whose original remit, as cited by Peter Brooke, then Secretary of State for National Heritage, was to build 12 grand projects around the country. The commission made clear that the opera house was the type of project that it would want to support. Yet the commission has so far failed to approve funding for the scheme. It must now face the accusation that it lacks vision and courage

ing, and with a design improved to

reflect its earlier critical reception, local factions took it upon themselves last week to kill off the project. It is for these individuals to identify them-selves and explain actions that will result in a great loss to so many peo-ple in Wales, who want to give their country a modern face that is open to the arts and innovation. These individuals must answer now publicly to the visitors to the museum, to the audiences in the theatre, and to the Welsh National Opera. They must explain why they have killed off Wales' flagship to give life to new, modern projects



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Krzysztof Kieslowski

Poland today isn't very certain of itself. It has had so little freedom in its history that it isn't sure what to do with it; and it is wary of the consumer society being thrust upon it by outside investors. To what extent the end of Communism was hastened by its movie-makers is uncertain, but certainly the to Munk, who also came to feafoundation of Solidarity in 1980 was accompanied by the subversive voice of Andrzej Wajda, hy general consent the country's greatest director, notably in Man of Marble (1976) and Man of Iron (1981).

Wajda influenced every Polish movie-maker of the next generation, among them Krzysztof Zanussi, Feliks Falk and Krzysztof Kieslowski, all of whom sent out parables about the corruption and incompetence of the regime. These, whether set among the burequerats themselves, or injournalism, or in the world of provincial theatre were easily decipherable, but at the same time they managed to be pow-erful, subtle and clever.

Of these film-makers only Kieslowski has continued to hold his place internationally. perhaps by finding new subjects. The other directors. I was told



last year in Warsaw, are looking for movies worth making and are not sure, in the changed Poland, what these are.

Kieslowski studied, like Andrzej Munk and Wajda; at the Lodz Film School, graduating in 1969. Though artistically indebted to Wajda he felt closer tures after experience as a documentarist, Indeed, Kieslowski was the leader of "The Cracow Group", which in 1971 issued a manifesto to that effect, that they should learn from dealing with reality how to use their experiences subsequently in fictional features. His first feature was for television, The Underground Passage (Przejscie Podziemne. 1973), which

he followed with Personel (1975), drawing on his own experiences directing for the stage. He also wrote the screen-play, which he later described as "half-documentary, half-feature with no clear dividing line. The point was that theatre is a place in which various fragments of life focus, various elements of reality happen in one place

... I called it "a pill of reality." That's why I set it in a theatre; it could be made anywhere, in a factory, in an office, it didn't matter." Juliusz Machulski played a theatre graduate working backstage, fascinated by the world of make-believe but gradually becoming aware that that was only created by a combination of ambition and devious politicking.

The film won the Grand Prix at Mannheim, encouraging Kieslowski to express the point of view of those who do the manipulating. The Night Porter's Point of View (Z Punktu Widzenia Nocnego Portiera, 1978), a documentary short, allowed the night porter to express his satisfaction in the control he has in this job and another at week-



A constructor of intricate puzzles: Samuel Lebihan and Irene Jacob in Kleslowic's last film, Three Colours - Red (1994)

ends as a park superintendent, in which capacity he has moral designs on even petty offenders. The authorities disliked the film, but allowed it to be shown the following year in a suburb of Warsaw, where it attracted crowds which didn't always stay for the main feature.

Kieslowski once explained the difficulty of getting such films made: "It is simply a duty. I am trying all the time. I believe in trying. There is also a matter of pressure". He went on to say that after having 10 screenplays rejected there was always the possibility of an 11th slip-

es was subject to momentous

change. From the middle of the

20th century, the liturgical

movement promoted the view

ping through.
This is clearly what hap-

pened in the case of The Scan (Blizna, 1976), Kiewlowski's first feature for cinema, ostensibly the story of a man (Franciszek Pieczka) who returns to his native town to construct a factory. The film managed to touch on the 1970 riots (caused when the government ordered price rises in staple foods just before Christmas), and this aspect - what Kieslowski called "the painful area of reality" gave Wajda his "way in" to Man of Marble.

increasingly hard to do so be-Camera Buff (Amaior, 1979) cause the world is dishonest -

and the dishonesty is caused by was written by Kieslowski and those who have taken it upon his leading actor, Jerzy Stuhr, who plays a factory worker who themselves to run our lives. Those people inevitably disprogress of his baby. As he is the only employee with a camera, he is invited to film the facto-

liked the film, but after it shared the Grand Prix at the Moscow Film Festival there was little point in banning it. Blind ry's 25th anniversary celebra-Chance (Przypadek, 1982) was. tions. After his movie wins a however, prohibited for five prize, he becomes so obsessed with movies that his marriage years. It starts with Witek (Bobreaks down. Camera Buff's guslaw Linda) running for a key scene is when the worker train and shows, in tripartite meets Zanussi at a film showform, what happens if he catching and asks him why he makes es it or if he misses it. In the first movies. Zanussi replies that is place he meets a Communist of the old school, in the second he becomes a dissident, and in the sical box of conceits, as hermetic

ties down to a humdrum life. No End (Bez Knoca, 1988) begins with its protagonist, a lawyer (Jerzy Radziwilowicz), already dead; he had been defending a working man accused under martial law for organising a strike. His widow, realising the State's evidence is weak, decides to take on the cause, and with her husband's ghost helps the worker's wife. The changed climate in

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Poland brough Kieslowski the co-operation of Polish television for his series of hourlong moralities based on the Ten Commandments, Dekalog (1988), chiefly set on a Moscow housing estate. Two of them, 4 Short Film About Killing (Krot-ki Film O Zabijaniu) and A Short Film About Love (Krotki Film O Milosci), he expanded into features. Throughout the films there is little suggestion of a new Poland, as each grimly questions the role of authority and the responsibility of the individual. There is no love in any of them - literally in A Short Film About Love, when its heroine pronounces that ejaculation is "all there is" to love. Life on this housing estate is unflinchingly cruel, though it does display Kieslowski's remarkable talent for commonplace details. What is less to the fore is the intellectual muscle of Blind Chance and No End - and their cele-

bration of the complexity of life. The two "Short Films" did more than those movies had done to establish Kieslowski on the art-house circuit, also enabling him to get French backing for La Double Vie de Véronique (1991), which followed the adventures, mainly amorous, of Weronika in Gracow and her name-sake and lookalike, Véronique, in Paris. The whole is an artificial, whim-

as it is cerebral. Enigma follows enigma, as in its contemporary. The Crying Game, but whereas everything in that film proved to have a purpose this becomes little but a series of irrelevancies. Neil Jordan's film tossed its audience to the fates, as kieslowski's used to do; this time Kieslowski gave the impres-sion of a puppeteer only arrious

Again in France (and Switzerland), Kieslowski did his trilogy *Trois Couleurs – Bleu* (1993), Blanc (1993) and Rouge (1994), each purporting to examine qualities suggested by the French flag - liberty, equality, fraternity. This turned out not to be the case. Writing in Sight and Sound, Philip Strick found the second "mere game-playing by Kieslowski and his co-writer [Krzystof] Piesiewicz . . . So much mystery is engendered that it unfolds in a fog of imprecision". Writing in New York magazine of the third film. David Denby said, "There are moments of great beauty in everything Kieslowski does, but he's essentially a constructor of intricate puzzles; an artificer, 🚁 perhaps, but not an artist."

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That was not a judgement anyone who admired his earlier films would ever have expected. Perhaps, after all. he found less to say once his homeland had found its freedom. Zanussi had temporarily filled his creative gap by becoming the art director on La Double Vie de Véronique. Perhaps we know why Kieslowski announced that Trois Coulcurs: Rouge would be his last film - though he did appear to have changed his mind before his illness.

David Shipman Krzysztof Kieslowski, film director, writer: born Warsaw 27 June 1941; married (one daughter); died Warsaw 13 March 1996.

Wilson. Gunn replied politely

Michael Blee

Michael Blee was an enlightened architect and a gifted and inspiring teacher. But it was in his church work - which ranged from completing Douai Abbey to a recent design for a Seventh Day Adventist Church in Balham - that his heart lay, and it is for this that he will be re-

The son of a clergyman, born in 1931. Blee himself became an Anglican lay reader, and strove all his professional life for the reunification of the arts in the life of the Church - something considerable, but the fact that that made him identify with the notion of being a "Goth".

He studied architecture at the Brighton College of Arts and Crafts (now Brighton University), and spent his National Service in the Royal Engineers in Malava. This gave him the opportunity to produce a study of colour in Malayan village settlements for which he was later awarded the Royal Institute of British Architects' Owen Jones Studentship in 1957. He opted to be demobbed in the Far East, and went on to work in Singapore and in Cevlon (now Sri Lanka) as well as travelling to Japan. India and Greece where he researched sucred architecture, laying the foundations for his subsequent development. Back in England he joined his brother Anthony Blee, also an architect, working for Basil Spence, A Fulbright Award in 1957 then took him to Massachusetts Institute of Technoingy (MIT), followed by work at the Architects Collaborative under Walter Gropius.

Michael Blee's own work. consisting largely of housing and churches, was perhaps modest in commercial terms, but it was conducted over 30 years against a background of full-time teaching in the Brighton School of Architecture where he was responsible for the initiation and development of the Interior Design degree course, earned a PhD degree from Sussex University and was a central contributor to the activities of the RIBA in the south-east region and its Sussex branch. His standards never dropped and every-

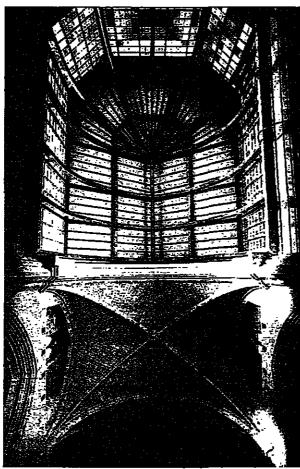
thing in which he was engaged was marked by a commitment to detail and a single-minded control which students and colleagues found equally demanding.

Two of his unrealised housing projects are memorable because of their scale of vision and sheer panache: a 37-storey hotel on Brighton seafront designed in 1980 and a massive housing scheme on a chalk cliff overlooking Lewes in 1975. The controversy over these was they were instrumental in getting people to talk about their environment delighted him.

Blee's career spanned a pe-

that the celebrant, and therefore the position of the altar in a church, should be moved closer to the congregation. The rein-troduction of the altar from its isolated east-end location to the heart of the church was fully in accord with Blee's own convictions, and the use of structural expressionism, following the William Butterfield and G.E. Street tradition, seemed to him consistent with the kind of modernism he espoused. Such an attitude was wholly

compatible with the reintroriod when the design of church- duction of able craftsmen and



Looking up to where Michael Biee's soaring roof of 1993 (top) meets

their expressions, not only in the use of their skills, but in their participation with him in an annual service of dedication and worship at Southease Church on the edge of the Ouse Valley. He was also a member of the Art

important to him, and the extent of the awards, Civic Trust, RIBA and others, that he was given showed that these qualities of contextualism as well as invention, were widely professionally appreciated. Prize-winning projects included the Priory of Our Lady of Good Counsel at Sayers Common 1980), All Saints, Isleworth 1974), the Church of the Holy Innocents at Orpington (1984), St Paul's Church, Brentford (1992) and the soaring roofs and spaces of Douai's Abbey Church (1993), at Woolhampton in Berkshire.

built from 1928 to 1932, when the money ran out and it was left unfinished. Fifty-five years later Michael Blee was commissioned to complete it. These dominant roofs of local materials were always accompanied by complex decorative features with some functional origin: turrets, aedicules (little canopied niches for statues of saints - one of Michael Blee's favourite words) and the like. internally, they were marked by complex structural framing systems, often of wood, seeking the opportunity for "connective celebration" in the Pugin tradition. Similarly the interior fittings, made by his beloved craftsmen, always in fine ma-terials, confirmed his conscious linking in the same tradition.

These buildings together show unmistakably the values. preoccupations, skills and attitudes of a much valued colleague and they will remain as witnesses to his commitment.

Michael Blee, architect: born Brighton, Sussex 8 March 1931; married 1960 Alexandra Loukatof (four sons, one daughter); died Lewes, Sussex 18 February 1996.

Willie Gunn gave his name to Workers Guild. The "genius loci" of place was

Douai's abbey church was

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Peter Barehan

one of the most successful patterns of Scottish salmon fly ever devised, the fame of which has spread throughout the world. Today, salmon angiers would consider themselves to be improperly dressed were they to

appear on the river bank without at least one Willie Gunn in their fly box. The pattern was designed to imitate a hair-wing version of a

fully dressed Thunder & Lightning and the originator of the sign was an RAF officer, Flt-"Dusty" Miller, who was based at Kinloss in Morayshire. Miller dressed salmon flies for ment as a keeper, gillie and another famous Scottish salmon angler, Rob Wilson, of Brora, and the two men were anxious to rationalise the large number of hair-wing patterns which were then (in the late 1940s) beginning to appear in an everincreasing range of shapes and

Miller produced 25 patterns which he sent to Wilson for his comment and approval. Wilson was examining the newly-arrived flies in his shop one morning when Willie Gunn called to equip himself with a few patterns for a day's sport on the River Brora: "By gum," Gunn said to Wilson, pointing to one of the flies, "that looks bonny. If I had a choice, that's the one I would use." "Well," said Wilson, "you must have it and we will name the fly the Willie

During the course of his day's fishing Gunn caught six salmon on the fly, and on the

News of the "miracle" fly quickly spread throughout the north and within a short space of time the fly had established itself as a principal weapon in the salmon angler's armoury.
Willie Gunn was born in the

Willie Gunn

township of Skerray on the wild north coast of Sutherland where his father was a crofter and fisherman. Gunn started work with the Forestry Commission in the Borgie Forest; the first forest to be planted in the north, in 1929. After trying his hand at farming, which he did not like, Gunn found employ stalker on the Sutherland Estates where he spent the remainder of his working life.

It was whilst Gunn was based at Loch Choire, in Caithness, on the south side of Ben Klibreck, that he caught his first salmon and fell in love with fishing. The salmon was taken from the River Mallart, a tiny tributary of the River Naver, and it weighed 161b. Ever after, Gunn was a confirmed salmon angler. The largest fish he landed was a magnificent specimen of 281b

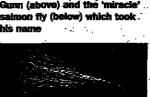
which he caught in the Bengie Pool of the River Brora. Gunn's salmon fishing technique was based upon precision: he never fished out a bad cast. If the first cast was wrong, he immediately corrected it and began again. He was always more concerned about covering known salmon lies effectively rather than following the ethos of the "chuck-it-and-chance it"





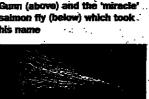
Gunn was also a good friend and companion: reserved, gen-tle, courteous and kindly. Generations of salmon anglers began their career under his careful guidance and he was one of the most respected members of the small Highland community in which he lived and worked, always ready to share his wealth of experience with

and then mentioned that Wilson had been fishing the wrong bank; he should have been fishing the south bank, the north bank being reserved that day for Guan's own use. On many Highland rivers, to fish someone else's water, inadvertently or not, is nothing other than a hanging offence. Mortified, Wilson asked Gunn why he had not said something



fellow anglers. This is illustrated by a story told by Rob Wilson. Wilson had been given a day on the Brora and when he arrived he noticed Gunn sitting by the stream, apparently without a rod. Wilson fished the pool and then wandered over to speak to Gunn. "Aye, Willie, grand day," said

before he had started to fish down Gunn's pool: "That would never do," replied Willie, "I did not want to spoil your enjoy-



Sutherland family. His eyes would sparkle when he recalled the names of the cars he drove over the narrow, twisting roads between Inverness and Golspie: "What lovely cars they were: Lagondas, Rolls Royces, Armstrong Sidleys, BMWs"
Gunn claimed he had once driven the route in under an hour, no mean feat in those days.

mentioned again.

Gunn's other great passion

was motor cars, for latterly he

acted as a chauffeur for the

It is a mark of the regard in which he was held that Willie Gunn's funeral was attended not only by his many friends but also by many who knew of him only by the famous fly to which he gave his name.

Bruce Sandison William Gunn, angler born Skerray, Sutherland 14 March 1909; married 1946 Euphemia

Mackintosh, died Inverness 6

March 1996

Marguerite Duras

In his obituary on Marguerite Duras [4 March], John Calder says that Robert Antelme -Duras's husband - was a rich husinessman, and that Antelme is portrayed in Moderato Cantabile, writes Anthony Rudolf. These are two serious errors of commission. Antelme was not a rich businessman

Ivanovich Bukharin, Russian jour-

nalist and politician, executed 1938;

Klement Gottwald, Czech leader,

mathematician and computer pio-

neer, 1973; Bushy Berkeley (William

Berkeley Enos), choreographer, 1976; Sir Huw Pyrs Wheldon, broad-

caster, 1986. On this day: Asiatic

cholera first appeared in Ireland, at Belfast, 1852; Lake Albert, Africa,

was discovered and named by Sir

Samuel Baker, 1864; the first pro-

duction of The Mikado, by Gilbert

and Sullivan, was staged at the Savoy Theatre, London, 1885; the first

submarine telephone line was laid by

the Monarch across the English

Channel, 1891; the German cruiser

Dresden was sunk, 1915; a provisional

government was set up in Russia,

1917; the German Army began a re-treat to the Hindenburg Line, 1917;

the first transatiantic tadio broadcast

was made, 1925; a new translation of

the New English Bible (New Testa-ment) was published in London, 1961. Today is the Feast Day of St Eu-

tychius of Enstathius of Carrhae, St Leobinus of Lubin and St Matilda.

worked for years as an editor at Gallimard. Calder also fails to signal the fact that the husband of Duras can himself be described as a great writer, albeit on the strength of one book: this is L'espèce humaine. As recounted in Duras's La Douleur and elsewhere, Antelme was an and was not the model for the active member of the Resistance and was arrested by the husband in that fictional work.

In fact Robert Antelme Gestapo in 1944. He was rescued from Dachau by François Antelme's masterpiece, pub-lished in 1947 - the same year

as Primo Levi's If this is a man. and echoing its title - finally apared in American translation in 1992, entitled The Human Race. The book is mainly about his time in Gandersheim, a forced labour camp, and is the

only non-fiction work on the

camps to equal Levi's book.

Marguerite Duras, with a targe body of work of great orig-inality and distinction, may be the more important writer but no single text of hers matches Antelme's phenomenology of servitude transcended. It is one of the great neglected books of the century outside its native

Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

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BEYNON: On 11 March, William John Granville, loved husband of Megun, father of Murgaret, Meurig and James, grandfather of Granville, Eli-nor, Megan, William, Rachel and Surah, Puncral service at 1pm on Tues-day 19 March at Ebenezer Dunvant, Swansea, followed by cremation at Morriston Crematorium at 2,30pm. Family flowers only, Donations for the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association may be given to W.H. Daniell & Son Funera Directors, Mill Street, Aberys-twyth, Telephone 01970 612339.

CALTON: Parminee Church) peacefulls at home on 10 March. So much loved by George. Grant, Morgan and Salli, Funeral at Christ Church, Virginia Water, at 11.30am Friday 22 March Calling to be compared to March followed by cremation at Woking Crematorium. Family flow-ers. Donations if desired to Jerry

Green Foundation, c/o F. Harrison & Son, 40 Harvest Rd, Englefield Green, Telephone enquiries to 01784

McCARTNEY: Alison Caroline Elhott, peacefully at home on Friday 8 March, after a long illness, Buriol at Highgate Cemetery on Friday 15 March at 3pm. Ceremony alterwards at Landerdale House. Highgate.

Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS should be sent in writing to the Gazette Editor, The Independent, I Canada Square, Ca-nary Whart, London E14 5DL, telephoned to 0171-293 2011 or faxed to 0171-293 2010, and are charged at £6.50

Wills

Professor Robin Oliver Gandy, of Oxford. Reader in Mathematical Logic, Oxford University 1969-86, left estate valued at £385,121 net. Suci Hush, of London W4, the television producer, left estate valued at

Birthdays

meth Alexander, Chancellor, Aberdeen University, 74; Miss Pam Ayres, poet, 49; Mr Ian Bruce MP, 49; Mr Michael Caine, acror, 63; Mr Jasper Carrott, comedian, 51: Pro-fessor Sir Colin Dollery, Dean, Roy-al Postgraduate Medical School, 65; Mr Alan Elliott, Chief Constable. Cumbria, 54: Lt-Gen Sir Peter Graham, former General Officer Commanding, Scotland, 59; Sir Philip Holland, former MP, 79; Mr Quincy Jones, handleader, 63, Sir Gavin Laird, chairman, Greater Manchester Buses North, 63: Air Chief Marshal Sir Douglas Lowe, 74: Mr John McCallum, actor and producer, 78; Lord Marsh, former chairman. Newspaper Publishers' Association, 68; Sir Eric Nortis, former diplomat, 78; Mr Bill Owen, actor, 51; Sir Richard Parsons, former ambassador to Sweden, 68; Dame Betty Paterson, former chairman, North West Thames Health Authority, 80t, General Paul Rader, General of the Sal-

Prince Albert of Monaco, 38; Sir Ken-

William Moore, Headmaster, Belfast Royal Academy, 55; Mr Anthony Smith. President, Magdalen Col-lege, Oxford, 58; Miss Rita Tushingham, actress. 🔀 Sir Nicholas Wall, High Court judge, 51.

Anniversaries Births: Georg Philipp Telemann, organist and composer, 1681; Johann Strauss the Elder, composer, 1804; Victor Emmanuel II, King of Italy, 1829: Giovanni Virginio Schiaparelli, astronomer, 1835; Mrs Isabella Mary Beeton (Mayson), household and cookery writer, 1836; Paul Ehrlich, bacteriologist, 1854; Albert Einstein, physicist, 1879. Deaths: Jakon van Ruysdack, painter, 1682; Admiral John Byng, executed for ne-glect of duty 1757; John Jervis, Earl of St Vincent, admiral of the fleet. 1823; Karl Marx, political philosopher, 1883; William Hale White-("Mark Rutherford"), novelst, 1913; Walter Crane, painter and illustrator, 1915; Cesar Cui, composer and vation Army, 62; Miss Tessa writer, 1918; George Eastman, pho-Sanderson, javelin thrower, 40; Mr tographic inventor, 1932; Nikolai

Lectures 1953; Howard Hathaway Aiken.

National Gallery: Mari Griffith, "Lions and Lambs (ii): Cosima Tura. Saint Jerome, Ipm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Clarc Philips. "Jewellery: the V&A's collection, 2.30pm. National Portrait Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "The Significance of the Insignificant: 17th-century Dutch interiors". 1.10pm. Exeter University: Terence Copley,

"The Baker's Dream: the Education Reform Act 1988 and religious education". 5.15pm. RIBA Architecture Centre, London W1: Ruth Rosenthal and Clare Paterson, "Architecture on Film" the making of BBC2 Building Sights",

Luncheons

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Sir Nicholas Bonsor Bt MP, Minis-ter of State for Foreign and Com-monwealth Affairs, hosted a lunch held yesterday at Lancaster House, London SW1, in honour of Dr Car-

ios Amat Fores, Minister of Justice,

Dinners HMS Victory

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, hosted a dinner yesterday evening onboard his flagship HMS Victory, at Portsmouth Naval Base. Rear-Admiral J.F.N. Welch, Chief of Naval Staff New Zealand, Professor J.H. Newby, Vice-Chancellor, Southampton University, and Mr W.G. Morrison.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth was in the chair at a Foundation for Science and Technology lecture held yesterday evening at the Royal Society, London WI. Mr Duncan Matthews, Dr Bob Bishop, Mr Richard Druy and Mr Mike Powell were the speakers.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

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The Prince of Wales visits Spinificide Market and Opera House. Loudon E1; and as President, Business in the Community, attends the 10th amiversary celebrations of the Windsor Fellowship at St. James's Palsoc. The Princess Royal presents the Ritz Club Charity Trophy to the leading jockey—of the Cheliculum Festival, Gloucestershire. The Duke of Gloucester. Opens Brown Clee Prinary School, Diston Priors, opens the new buildings at Lacon Childe Secondary School. Cleebury Mortimer, and waits Ludow Lebure Centre, Ludlow, Shropshire. The Duchess of Ladlow, Shropshire. The Duchess of Gloucester opens the Daniel Turner Cito-ic at the Chelsen and Westminster Floriful. re at the Chelsen and Westminster Hospibal.
London SW10. The Dule of Kest, Hon-orary Air Vice-Manhal, visits Royal Air Force Linton-on-Ouse, York, North York, Shire: The Duckess of Kest, Patron, a UNICEF, presents the Champion Children Awards, London Pelevision Striftos, Lon-don SE1, Prince Wichael of Kent-attends n reception at the Swiss Embassy, London WI, in honour of Feter Arengo Jones, the author of Queen Victoria in Switzerland.

Changing of the Guard
The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Olocen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11 and Niguegra Compeny Grenadier Guards mounts the Queen's Caurd, at Backingham Palace, 11 30am, band provided by the Match Grenad.



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1994: Mississippi brings the first state

lawsuit against the industry, seeking

in treating smokers. Three other states

have since filed similar lawsuits

re-imbursement of medical costs incurred

ber of plaintiffs involved could

Industry analysis were

add up to 50 million people.

divided yesterday over the likely

impact of Liggett's move. One

said: "The settlement is tanta-

mount to an admission of guift

for the whole tobacco industry

and that could affect their abil-

ity to contest legal action

against them. There is no cap

on the potential liability of all

the tobacco companies to pay

compensation to smokers and

pay the cost of treating smok-

Others claimed, however, the

-related illnesses.

BAT shares knocked by US lawsuit news

Legal landmarks in the long battle against tobacco companies in the United States

and JOHN CARLIN

A furious tobacco industry closed ranks yesterday after one of its smallest manufacturers broke the line by agreeing to settle two important liability cases in the United States. News of the out-of-court deal, which sets a dramatic and upexpected precedent, sent BAT's shares tumbling in London.

CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

Liggett, which makes about 2 per cent of American cigarettes including the Eve and Chesterfield brands, has offered to settle its portion of two class actions against the industry and could pay out between 2 and 7 per cent of its pre-tax income over the next 24 years to states attempting to recoup the cost of funding smokingrelated health care.

To settle a suit brought by 60 law firms on behalf of US smok ers claiming to be addicted, Liggett has also agreed to pay a further 5 per cent of its pre1957: First official warning from the US Surgeon-General that excessive cigarette smoking may cause cancer

1971: Cigarette: advertising is banned from radio and television in the US, curb appealed by the tobacco companies, but upheld by the Supreme Court in 1972 1979: The Surgeon General issues a new

tax income for 25 years. Pend-

ing approval by a federal court

in Louisiana, it would be the

first time a cigarette manufac-

turer has paid a single cent in

legal redress for tobacco-relat-

US lawsuits through its Brown

& Williamson subsidiary, said it would continue to defend its po-

sition aggressively. It also pledged to continue the fight to

prevent the US Food & Drug

Administration from extend-

ing its jurisdiction to the tobacco industry.

BAT which is involved in the

report, saying cigarettes are more dangerous that labelling law does not shield the comthan previously thought, and would kill 350,000 Americans that year

1983: The landmark Cipollone case is brought, by a dying smoker who charged the companies with failing to give adequate warning about the dangers of smoking. Case finally dismissed in 1992, but courts rule

firms seek massive punitive and compen-BAT was joined by the other fight with RJR Nabisco to force a split of the bigger company into its constituent tobacco and

> seen as a deck-clearing move to force a bid. As part of the deal with the states of Florida, Massachusetts, Mississippi and West Virginia, Liggett has agreed to fund programmes to help people give up smoking. The states would use the money to help cover costs

> of treating smoking-induced dis-

food operations. Liggett is un-

derstood to be attempting to

force RJR to take it over and

the legal settlement is being

eases, as well as education programmes to persuade people to quit cigarenes. Liggett also said it had agreed

1988: Surgeon General issues finding that

cigarette smoking is addictive under the

1994: Castano vs American Tobacco Co,

the first big class action suit in which 60 law

standards which apply to illegal drugs

panies from liability

to comply with regulations proposed by the Clinton administration to discourage the sale of cigarettes to children - for example by prohibiting the use of cartoon characters in cigarette advertising.

If the court accepts the deal, Liggett would be absolved from further liability in a class-action suit built on the argument that nicotine levels in cigarettes have been deliberately manip-

ulated by US tobacco companies to foster addiction.

Anti-tobacco campaigners have been increasingly confident of substantiating that claim since Jeffrey Wigand, a former BAT employee in the US and the industry's highest ranking defector, turned on his former company, claiming it had long known that tohacco was an addictive drug even when it made

public statements to the contrary. The consortium taking on the tobacco companies represents millions of smokers, as well as former smokers. The total numdevelopment might actually clear away some of the uncertainty tha has dogged the industry.

Liggett is the smallest o America's Big Five tobucco mak ers, which also include R Reynolds, American Tobacco Lorillard Tobacco and Philis Morris, Liggett's proposed dam age control exercise has enraged the other companies because up until now it has stood by them in a united front, to repel attack by litigators or governmen

health agencies seeking stricte regulations on cigarettes. Bennet LeBow, chairmar and chief executive of Liggett' parent company, Brooks Group, said in a statement tha the agreement meant tha Liggett's assets would "no longer be held hostage by the

tobacco litigation". "The tobacco industry has lived for too long with the possibility of financial catastrophi from product liability suits that could destroy the industry

Unexpected rise in jobless figures

DIANE COYLE

The number of people claiming unemployment benefit in creased in February for the first time in two and a half years, delivering a blow to Chancellor Kenneth Clarke's hopes that consumers would soon begin to feel the benefits of economic recovery. But low growth in earnings in the year to January, the key month for pay settlements, vesterday encouraged hopes of further interest rate cuts.

The Government shrugged off last month's increase in the number of claimants as a oneaff fluctuation around the downward trend, and some City economists agreed that unemployment would resume its decline. Kevin Darlington at brokers Hoare Govett said:

recent spate of rate cuts."

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, said yes-

terday that he doubted the wis-dom of pressing ahead with the

single currency until EU coun-

tries had addressed their un-

employment problem, writes

Diane Coyle. But opting out

would not be a soft option for

the UK, he said at a Royal In-

stitute for international Affairs

Mr George said many Euro-

pean countries were starting to

tackle high unemployment

through deregulation of their labour markets. This could have

a big effect on the pattern of real

wages and jobs, and would

make it risky to press ahead with

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the economy. There is a very respectable argument that interest rates must fall further," said Neil MacKinnon, chief economist at Citibank.

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Michael Meacher, Labour's employment spokesman, comany significant impact from the is now the central fact of out есопоту."

On the other hand, some Unemployment climbed by took a glummer view of the out- 6,800 to 2.21 million in Februlook. "The number is not a ary, after dropping by 28,300 in fluke, it reflects the weakness in January. The news dashed ex-

the single currency on an arbi-

Treaty timetable is producing a

sort of sprint to the line by the

end of next year which is not

necessarily helpful in its im-

mediate economic effects," he

responsible macro-economic

policies as much outside as inside

monetary union, be concluded.

Turner, director-general of the

CBL said the benefits of ce-

menting the single market had to

be weighed against the danger of

industry becoming uncompetitive

if tied to the single currency.

At the same conference, Adair

"I am concerned that the

trary calendar.

George doubts wisdom

of rush towards EMU

pectations that joblessness would have fallen for the 30th month running, although the Central Statistical Office said industrial action at benefit offices might partly account for the rise. Of-

US tobacco giants in its promise to fight on. Philip Morris, the

US's biggest tobacco maker, said it remained "confident in

the strength of our litigation po-

sition, and we intend to fight and win all of the cases in which we

are involved." Lorillard Tobac-

co said it had no plans to settle

tempted to play down the im-

pact of Liggett's decision to

break ranks with the rest of the

industry, claiming that the move

A spokesman for BAT at-

any liability litigation.

trend at a fall of 10,000 a month. The rise in joblessness fell entirely on men - female unemployment declined slightly. The rise was also concentrat-

ed in the North and Midlands, which had seen the biggest falls in January. But unemployment increased in all regions apart from the South-east, East Anglia and Northern Ireland.

Northern Irish unemployment was the lowest for nearly 15 years, although its jobless rate of 11.4 per cent remains the highest in the UK.

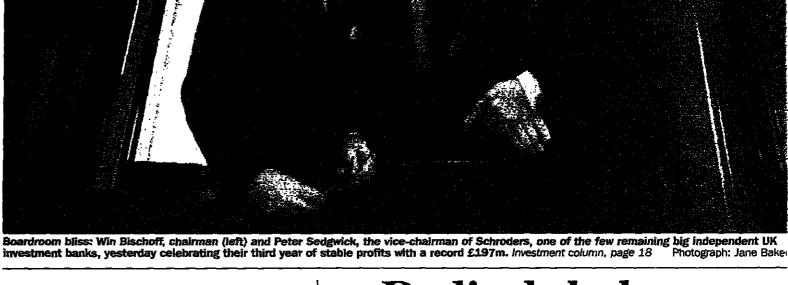
Yesterday's figures provided further evidence of recent Employment in manufacturing dived by 27,000 in January, nearly wiping out the increase in the final quarter of last year. David Walton, UK economist at Goldman Sachs, said: "A few months of rising unemployment are likely as firms, particularly in manufacturing, shed labour in response to belowtrend growth in output."

In addition, the number of vacancies at JobCentres - about a third of the total - fell for the third month running, down by 400 to 186,900.

The combination of stable earnings growth and a fall in employment meant annual growth of unit labour costs in manufacturing fell sharply, from 5.0 per cent to 3.0 per cent

Sterling weakened against the German mark in reaction to the figures. Renewed concerns about tensions within the Government over Europe and the UK political outlook also contributed. The pound ended just over half a pfennig lower at

DM2.2424. Comment, page 19



Anglo buys up Tiny's £91m Lonrho stake

Angle American Corporation, the South African mining giant, yesterday signalled its interest in Lonrho's mining interests by paying £91m for Tiny Row-land's 5.85 per cent stake in the mining to hotels conglomerate.

Anglo has also been given first refusal for 18 months of the 18.5 per cent holding owned by Lonrho chief executive Dieter Bock. If granted, this would give it effectively a controlling stake when Loorho's mining interests

are demerged later this year. The deal, at 20036p a share, sent Lourho's shares &p higher at 202p yesterday. It marks possibly the final bow for Tiny Rowland from the group he led in combative style for 33 years

before the arrival of Mr Bock in 1992. The stake bought by Anglo represents the bulk of his remaining holding in Lonrho, which was sold to Mr Bock last Thursday under a put and call option. Mr Bock's company Laerstate BV, passed the bolding on to Anglo at the same price at which Mr Rowland ex-

creised his put option. Angle has committed itself not to make a general offer for Lonrho ahead of the demerger. Thereafter, it could swap its stake in the non-mining side for Mr Bock's shares in the mining business. Analysts said the deal puts Auglo in a strong position to shut out other potential buyers of the Lonrho assets, including American Barrick

Resources and Gencor.

Radical shake-up for Unilever chiefs

NIGEL COPE

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch consumer products giant, yes-terday announced a shake-up of its Byzantine management structure designed to separate strategy from operational functions and make its managers more accountable.

The shake-up includes the abolition of the group's longstanding three-man special committee which used to combine both strategic and operational responsibility. Instead, a new seven man special committee will look after strategy while operational decisions are pushed down to 14 new business groups.

It is the first part of an orga-

nizational review being con-ducted by Niall FitzGerald, who will succeed Sir Michael Perry as chairman in September.

Sir Michael said he had considered demerger but decided that common functions such as growth." brand marketing and research and development meant the group was better left together.

The shake-up received a cautious welcome in the City which hampered its ability to move into new markets such as China and the Far East. The shares rose 20p to £12.28 though there were concerns about further restructuring charges as some head office

job losses seem likely.

One analyst said: "It is a ster in the right direction as Unilever's structure has remained pretty much the same since the 1930s. But what we really need from this company is

The new seven-man committee comes into effect in September and will be led by the two chairmen Morris Tabaksblat and Mr FitzGerald, together with the had been concerned that Uni-lever's rigid "top down" structure rector and three category

directors. The presidents of the 14 business groups will be directly responsible for profitability and the execution of strategy in their own

markets. Comment, page 19

It's Britain's best-managed business, once again

Fresh evidence that Britain has only a handful of world-beating The companies comes with the latest Quality of Management Awards, Marks & Spencer has taken the first prize - to follow last year's victory and the year before's second place. Runnerup Glaxo Wellcome was fourth last time and, in its pre-merger guise of Glaxo, third the year

before, while British Airways was third in each of the past two

opinion pollsters Mori and PA Consulting Group's Sundridge Park management centre - rank companies according to their performance in 18 key areas. Rankings are based on the views of three audiences canvassed by Mori - institutional in-

press and captains of industry. Although there was some dieach criterion, the three groups are broadly agreed on which are drugscompany and only the second highest, after brand descond highest, after brand descond highest. vergence on the importance of

Britain. However, as Roger Stubbs, chairman of Mori Financial, points out, "there is no magic blueprint for getting it right. Much will depend on the sec-tor a company is in."

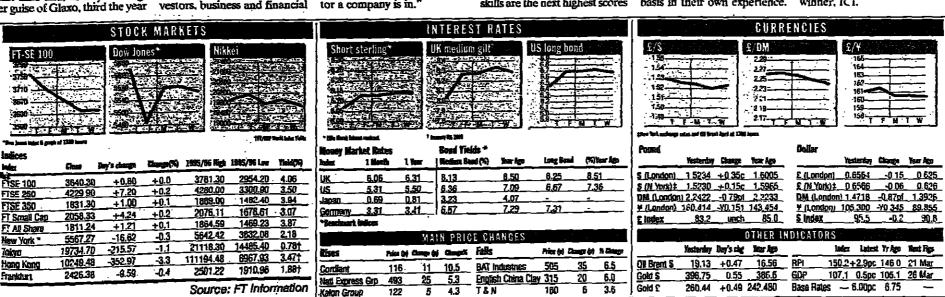
Accordingly, while both M&S and Glaxo Wellcome down for Glaso Wellcome. score well in strategy, this is the Mori's Mr Stubbs says that the successful company will alvelopment, for the retailer.

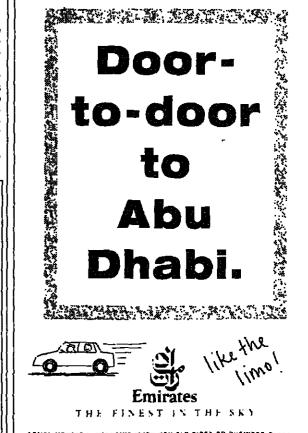
ways be strong on strategy and/or leadership, but must also receive a similar score for R&D, which comes nowhere the criterion on which it seeks for the stores group, is the sec-ond most important criterion for to differentiate itself. There is not much point in companies the drugs company. People desetting themselves vague aspirations that do not have any velopment and management skills are the next highest scores

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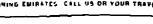
for M&S - but much lower. They must decide what they their resources at it to ensure

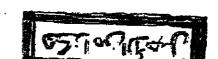
that they succeed." And as if to demonstrate what a select band of companies this is, the same group made up the front-runners for the Quality of Governance Award presented at the same ceremony last night. The winner: Marks & Spencer, ahead of last year's





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Mercury steps up mobile phone battle

PETER RODGERS **Business Editor**

Moreury One-2-One, the cellular phone company, yesterday stepped up the battle for market share by bringing forward its plans for full national coverage.

The move came as its rival. Orange, which like Mercury One-2-One is an entirely digital service, prepares for a £2.4hn flotation later this month on the back of a rapid increase in

Richard Goswell, managing director of Mercury One-2-One, said the company planned

Stephen Hinchliffe's fast ex-

panding Facia group, made

its first move on the Continent

vesterday when it acquired a

German shoe chain, Bata

Schuhe, Though the purchase

price was not disclosed it is

thought to have been a dis-

count to the company's net as-

set value of £12m. Bata has 110

shops and sales of around

£50m but made a small loss last

There has been speculation for some time that Mr Hinch-

liffe may be about to expand

into Europe. However, most

analysts believed the company

already had a heavy workload

digesting the myriad of acqui-

sitions it has made in the last

Mr Hinchliffe now controls

Sock Shop, Salisbury's, Oakland menswear and Red or

Dead as well as a raft of shoe

shops including Saxone, Freeman Hardy Willis and Curtess.

His latest deal gives Facia

more than 1,000 shops with

combined sales of £350m and

to change the name of the Ger-

man chain to one of its UK

brands, with Saxone the most

likely. The name has some

The company says it intends

8.400 employees.

NIGEL COPE

Hinchliffe

makes move

into Europe

to double its coverage to 80 per cent of the population by the end of this year. 90 per cent by the middle of next year and 95 per cent by December 1997.

Mercury has been trailing in the national stakes because of the narrowness of its coverage and the announcement brings forward and expands its investment programme.

The changes are bound to increase the pressure on the three other companies in the highly ompetitive cellular phone market - Orange, Vodafone and Cellnet - to improve tariffs

prominence there as a shoc-

have always intended to make

inroads into Europe as quick-

ly as possible. Initially we

thought that franchise opera-

tions would be the fastest

route and we are making

progress on that front in a

number of countries, but have

kept our eyes open for suitable

acquisitions to accelerate the

ropean acquisitions and fran-

chise deals could not be ruled

out. A UK womenswear chain is still n the shopping list.

Facia's chief operating office

Gary O'Brien said the German

deal would help the group's UK

operations by opening up fresh

avenues of supply and distrib-

ution. He added that the Ger-

man operation had its own

management team in place and

so would not be a drain on Fa-

cia's resources. "We anticipate

that the German company can

undertake many of the func-

tions presently requiring visits

Facia is due to file its first set

to the Continent from the UK.

of accounts in April. The ac-

counts will cover the period be-

tween August 1994, when the

company acquired Salisbury's, to January 1995.

He added that further Eu-

Mr Hinchliffe said: "We

of new tariffs announced over the last few months as the industry has fought for new cus-

Mercury said nothing about further tariff changes but admitted these were bound to come in the mobile market as competition continued. It is spending £30m on an advertising and marketing campaign.

Mercury originally set its investment programme at £895m with a target of 65 per per cent coverage of the population by the end of this year and 90 per cent by the end of 1997.

This has now been rolled forward about six months, and increased to £970m to pay for an increase in the ultimate target coverage from 90 to 95 per cent.

Mr Goswell said Mercury had "successfuly outsold Orange in our coverage areas since we and they launched." He claimed 27 per cent of gross sales and 19 per cent of the market in these areas, though national figures for Mercury are much smaller, reflecting its poor coverage. "Our challenge is to take these good figures to the rest of the country" he said.

Mr Goswell denied the tim-

nouncement was anything to do with the flotation of Orange, whose prospectus was published on Tuesday.

Last year, Mercury agreed turnkey construction contracts with Ericsson and NorTel which had been designed to be flexible so they could be accelerated if necessary. "We have now confirmed we can achieve the new targets,7 he said. Mercury plans to launch in Manchester in April and had made the announcement so customers in the North could feel more confident about the service.

that its customer numbers passed 400,000 in March, compared with 340,000 last Sep-

age customers.

Warburg profits power ahead

JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

SBC Warburg demonstrated the strengths of the combined City investment banking pow-

erhouse with a sharp jump in pre-tax profits to £455m.

A rocky start to the merger and a rash of senior defections did not stop Warburg - which made a small loss last year from contributing strongly to the investment banking business under its new owner, Swiss

Bank Corporation. Georges Blum, SBC's chairman, said that cost savings of £137m had been achieved as a result of the integration, well above expectations.

"The two main rationales underlying the SG Warburg acquitions were thus realised in the first year of the merger; we were able to achieve substantial synergies on the cost side and expand our client franchise, which resulted in a significantly stronger deal flow," he said.

The early success of the merged securities operation was reflected in a "quantum jump" of 195 per cent in operating revenues to £693m. This was not only the result of favourable market conditions but also of the substantial synergies from the Warburg acquisition."

Corporate finance operating revenues rose by 700 per cent to £202m, thanks to the M&A boom. But SBC conceded that the pick-up was initially subdued. Corporate finance has sufdefections, with morale still weak, and a string of big client Last week SBC Warburg was fired by Halifax as its adviser.

Yesterday's profit figures combined the old SBC investment banking operations as well as Warburg. Swiss Bank Corp reported a 30 per cent increase in group 1995 net profit

Orange is likely to argue as

its flotation approaches that Mercury One-2-One expansion is unlikely to damage its own prospects and will help to encourage mobile phone usage.

Both Mercury and Organge have moved away from the philosophy of the original two en-trants to the market, Vodafone and Cellnet, which have used their tariffs to encourage low us-



needs a fast final chapter

A big job ad appeared in yes-terday's Financial Times for a "VP Head of Operations for putting numerous governthe futures broking arm of a major European Bank. Responsibilities of the position would include "overseeing the daily operations of the cleaning (sic), customer service and

Here's a Merrill Lynch staff-leaving story with a difference. Recently all the talk has been of Smith New Court people stalking off in a huff following the takeover by Merrill Last Priday two Merrill people decided to go. Kim Barrett and Phil Hyde on the European equity sales desk have gone to rival investment bank Lehman for a rumoured million

asury departments". So

don't forget your mop..

The trial of Elizabeth

Forsyth, a former adviser to

exiled tycoon Asil Nadir, at

fourth week. But this is not

stopping Ms Forsyth from publishing Who Killed Folly Peck?, her inside view of the

lished "two weeks after the

end of the trial," which does

not leave much time to write

to burn the midnight oil to

meet this deadline.

pound package.

A Merrill spokesman did not know the exact figure, but observed yesterday: "If they are moving from a Tier One bank to a Tier Two bank they vill have to have been attracted by a good package."

Lord Wakeham - known as Lord Fixit for his role in

the Old Bailey is entering its collapse of Nadir's £2bn fruit and TV company six years ago. Ms Forsyth is facing two charges of handling stolen money totalling £400,000.

The publishers said yesterday that the book will be publishers had been been as to the said that the book will be publishers. the last chapter - on how the trial turned out. Co-author Maggie Drummond will have Deadline: Elizabeth Forsyth

> ment initiatives back on track - is today awarded the chartered accountants Oscar. Officially known as the

Founding Societies' Centenary Award, the prize has been granted annually since 1980 by the London, Liverpool, Manchester and Sheffield Societies of Chartered Accountants (the four societies that predate the seting up of the institute) to a bean counter who has made an "outstanding contribution

in any field of endeavour".

Past winners include Sir Renneth Cork, Sir Trevor Holdsworth, the late Lord Benson, Sir Bryan Carsberg, Nigel Rudd and the Right Rev Jim Thompson, Bishop of Bath and Wells. Evic Bowyer, chairman of the London Society of Chartered Accountants, observed yesterday, somewhat desper-

ately. "It is very important for our profession that we recognise just how wide-rangin can be the influence of cha tered accountants."

Deal nears in \$375m Chile fund fight

The bitter battle for control of one of the biggest Latin American investment trusts appeared close to settlement vesterday after the two warring parties. Regent Kingpin Acquisitions and GT Capital Management announced that they had finally reached a provisional deal.

The outline agreement brines an end to months of warfare

Chile Fund, which dragged down Chilean shares and invested by some of Britain's biggest managers - including

Standard Life and Gartmore. Under the terms of the deal hammered out between RKA and GT. shareholders in GT's contested Chile Fund will have a choice of investment funds still needs the approval of 75 per cent of GT Chile shareholders. the London Stock Exchange, and the Cayman Islands and Chilean authorities.

The takeover battle for the Cayman Islands-based fund. one of the biggest single investors in the Chilean stockmarket, was launched last year. by RKA, part of the Regent managed by either party or get Pacific Group, in Hong Kong.

ition from G1. the Chile Fund's managers, RKA managed to seize control of 64 per cent of the investment trust's shares. However, GT, advised by a team at Swiss banking group UBS, together two separate funds will be set up, with Barings, fought a rearguard battle over the fund.

Continental foothold: The German shoe chain Bata Schuhe yesterday joined Saxone; Curtess and Red or Dead as part of Stephen Hinchliffe's Facia group.

Philip Stephens, a managing director at UBS, said: "All the shareholders can get cash, and those investors who want to re-

do so. We hope that a significant proportion of shareholders will choose that option although it is obviously up to them. Under the terms of the deal

managed by GT and RKA re-spectively. Minority sharehold-ers in the GT Chile Fund and those holding RKA preference shares will be able to choose either manager or take cash.

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Hiccup at Reed fails to dent confidence

otherwise happy relationship with the City. Yesterday's full-year figures, showing a 19 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £723m, did nothing to upset investors confidence. The shares, which have more than doubled in the past three years, closed 19p

Operating in a rapidly-changing environment, where electronic publishing is making rapid and unpredictable inroads into traditional printed media. Reed has three tasks, all of which these latest results suggest it has safely in hand: managing its existing print operations, keeping ahead of the game as the industry goes electronic and spending its prodigious each flow.

As far as the first task is concerned. selling out of its lower-margin consumer operations makes abundant sense. The returns, and quality of earnings, to be had from scientific. professional and business publishing are eminently preferable. Elsevier Science, for example, saw profits jump 12 per cent from an 8 per cent sales increase with subscription renewals higher than expected.

Recruitment advertising boosted Reed Business Publishing and operating profits bounced 30 per cent as a result. The IPC consumer magazines managed a 19 per cent profits rise as new products, cover price rises and cost-cutting more than made up for

higher paper prices.

The move into electronic publishing was given a huge lift by the December 1994 purchase of Lexis-Nexis which gives Reed an entree into the lucrative and rapidly-growing market among lawyers and other professions for on-line information. One of the big attractions of database publishing is that incremental sales tend to feed straight through to profits once the initial cost of setting up the

Reed's recent failure to sell its consumer books arm was a hiccup in an ear a 10 per cent rise in sales resulted tory uncertainty. All that comes at a

for the first time since 1990 was preprofits in a habitually volatile sector. in a 50 per cent boost to profits.

So running its businesses well, and with a good track record on acquisitions, attention now focuses on how well Reed can spend a war chest which the company estimates at as much as L3bn, an amount which would still Gloomy view at leave it with a comfortable interest cover of 6 times. No deals are imminent but expect them to be in the largest and most sophisticated market for the electronic publishing Reed has biggest producer of minerals for the biggest producer but expect them to be in the US, the

Looking ahead the outlook appears as bright as ever. One broker is erage 14 per cent per annum. Reed international information markets, of the £100m they reached in 1990. high quality extraings, a strong balance

price, of course, and on the basis of pre-tax profits of almost £800m this year, the shares stand on a prospective p/e of 19. About right.

China Clays

paper industry, has precious little to show for five years of restructuring unforecasting earnings growth over the next three years of a better than average 14 per cent per annum. Reed yesterday, have gone nowhere in that offers investors a unique exposure to period and profits still remain short It is now clear that September's de-

Reed : at a glance

Market value: \$5.960n, share price 1,055p **Five-Year record** Pre-tax profits (£m) 736 Dividends per share (pence) 12.8 18.8 24.5 Operating profit by activity Share price Consumer Discontinued too-

for the first time since 1990 was premature. The £2.1m increase in fullyear profits to £95.1m unveiled yesterday was well short of expecta- the dividend by 17 per cent to 1op per tions. But what really hit sentiment was ECC's gloomy view of the paper market, which accounts for 70 per cent

Share. Earnings were up 5 per cent to 139m, or 71.5 p per share.

A strong fund management perof the volumes of the group's two main.

minerals businesse Despite a string of profits warnings from last autumn plainly caught the

group unawares.

What makes it worse for ECC is its

The big worry was the 21 per ce in the cycle, which was still in full swing in the first part of 1995. The lion's share of last year's 11 per cent rise in operating profits to £62.2m in the Eucost savings. Price rises were a meagre 2 to 3 per cent at a time when paper prices were soaring.

ECC continues to face the problem that its main kaolin business is losing market share. At the same time, the speciality chemicals business based on algon, acquired in 1993, has not lived well short of the promised 10 per cent, slumping from 8.6 per cent to 6 per

Against that uninspiring background, a forward p/e of 15, assuming profits of just £93m this year, suggests the shares are high enough.

Schroders shows its strengths.

vantages of its fund management are high enough.

profits in a habitually volatile sector. Pre-tax profits in 1995 inched up to £197.3m, and Schroders increased

formance made up for a 5 per cent drop in investment banking profits to £104m. A lot of merchant banks from paper companies, the extent of found the early part of last year the destocking which became evident tough going, and Schroders was no exception, with first-half investment eanking profits down 33 per cent. But The big worry was the 21 per cent

leap in costs, well ahead of revenue

growth at 14 per cent. Schroders in-

sisted this was budgeted for, and reflected investment and restructuring ropean minerals business came from right across the business. This year it wants to keep the rise in costs below the percentage growth in revenues.

The cost rise, partly due to Schroders building up a pan-European equity research and distribution capability which it feels is essential to maintain its corporate finance strength, does indicate a more risky strategy. It up to expectations. Margins remain hurts the operating margin going forward, and makes the business more

exposed to a decrease in revenues. But the fund management side continues to impress, with a 16 per cent growth in funds under management to £74bn. Schroders is looking here for significant opportunities in the UK and internationally, both on the retail as well as the wholesale side.

The group made another fierce de claration of independence yesterday, justifying the ebbing of the bid premium, which has taken about 25 per A slip in investment banking earnings cent off Schroders' shares. Even af-and a sharp jump in costs took some ter that recent underperformance. of the sheen off record profits at forecast earnings of 77p per share put Schroders yesterday. But as one of the the shares on a p/e of 16. That is not few independent UK investment cheap in the short term given the unbanks left it demonstrated the adcertainty on revenues and the shares



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Financial insecurity means no early return of feelgood factor

A lot of Conservative MPs are resting their re-election hopes on the economy, on the theory that more growth and less unemployment will inject some feelgood into the voters. The trouble with this theory is. that the lack of feelgood has nothing to do with the state of the business cycle. The country is not suffering an attack of economic nerves which some 1980s-style retail therapy will

complete change of economic The lack of optimism among voters is clearly linked to the jobs market, and unemployment is one aspect of it. As the great Fats Domino once said: "A lot of fellows nowadays have a BA, MD or PhD. Unfortunately they don't have a JOB."

The small rise in the claimant count last month after 29 successive declines, reported yesterday, shows that falling unemployment cannot be taken for granted. Even so, Britain's jobless rate is one of the lowest in the European Union. Yet its decline has had almost no effect on consumer

Having a job, or more chance of finding one if unemployed, is therefore not very effective feelgood medicine. The reason it cannot do the trick is the wide spread and deep sense of job in-

ECONOMIC VIEW

DIANE COYLE

There is a bit of a puzzle here. The figures on measures of actual job insecurity do not suggest that it has changed very much. For example, according to an article in the latest issue of the Economic Journal, average actual job tenure has fallen only 10 per cent between 1975 and 1992, which is noticeable but not catastrophic. The fall has been concentrated on unskilled men. Others have seen barely any change in their average length of time in one job. This evidence is in line with earlier research.

stayed flat and the number of jobs has risen instead. The presumption is that as the econoweakens it will be jobs rather than hours that are cut. This makes overtime hours a good predictor of levels of consumer confidence. Professor Peter Spencer of Birkbeck Col-

lege, London has found that hours beat all other candidates such as unemployment, inflation and housing market indicators in ability to explain confidence or its absence. The average level of overtime is also a very As Fats Domino once said: 'A lot of

fellows have a BA, MD or PhD. What they don't have is a JOB'

good match for the only direct There is, though, one clue about the effect of employmeasure of job insecurity we have. That is the question in the ment deregulation on jobs. That is the striking failure of overtime annual British Social Attitudes Survey about whether responhours to rise during the 1990s. dents expect the number of In past recoveries, as the chart jobs at their own place of work to increase, stay the same or fall.

coming century.

their old age income from one

of three sources: the state earn-

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it could leave many people with less than a minimum adequate So there is some evidence that job insecutity has increased retirement income. and contributed to our feeling Most people with occupa-tional pensions should be probad. Bi: : is only half the other half is the sivided with enough but - even withdrawal of wel-Professor Spencer

apart from any more Robert Maxwell-style difficulties – says: "The labour market has schemes might not be able to fulfil the pension promise for a become more uncertain at exactly the same time that the variety of reasons ranging from bankruptcy of the employer to gaps created by unemployment or illness. Personal pensions carsafety net has been pulled away." Although Chancellor Kenneth Clarke seems to understand the significance of siry investment risk and the unmultaneously deregulating the labour market and privatising certainty about the rate of annuity which can be purchased welfare, many of his colleagues at the end.

The probability is that pen-sioners will be on increasingly A new book by Tony Atkinson, an Oxford University exunequal incomes in the next century, with retirement in-come determined by decisions made 25 years earlier about pert, spells out the weakening of the safety net as a result of recent government policy. Take pensions, for example. Profeswhich type of pension to choose - and luck. The increase in sor Atkinson calculates that the basic state pension amountinequality is already apparent. The average pension grew 38 per cent between 1979 and 1991, but for the richest tenth ed to about 42 per cent of the average income in 1979. By 1990 it had fallen to 32 per cent. and it will be down to less than a quarter by 2010. He quotes of pensioners incomes grew 62 per cent. At the other end of the Michael Portillo on the basic scale the proportion of penpension - it "is going to be sioners with incomes of less than worth a nugatory amount in the half the national average rose from 16 per cent in 1979 to People are meant to top up

about 34 per cent now. Pensions are not the only new long-term financial worry. People are increasingly beginning to consider how they will pay for long-term care for their

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parents or themselves - and any-one with more than £16,000 in assets - that is, any home owner - has to fund it themselves. Sales of insurance policies to Overtime hours beat all other candidates to explain consumer

Then there is the need many feel to save for their childrens' schooling and higher education. Private health insurance con-

tinues to grow, although main-

confidence or its absence covers the mortgage for the first cover the risk of needing longsix months of unemployment. term care grew 40 per cent in the Income has to be earmarked, by

those who have jobs, for pension contributions, additional insurance cover, and higher precautionary savings. Professor Spencer puts it

ly as a perk for those with jobs.

Owner-occupiers are increas-ingly taking out policies to pro-vide unemployment cover now that housing benefit no longer

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eloquently: "People of our gen-eration had a fantastic education with a lot of money pumped into schools, no problems getting jobs after university, a housing boom, good public service. It is only now that we are beginning to face any

problems."
And what problems. Britain's stubborn refusal to feel good. despite the economic background of steady growth and low inflation the Chancellor likes to emphasise, is not due to a lack of jobs, or even a lack of job security, but a lack of lifetime financial security. It will not be remedied before the election.

Incomes and the Welfare State, AB Atkinson, Cambridge University Press., £15.95 or £40

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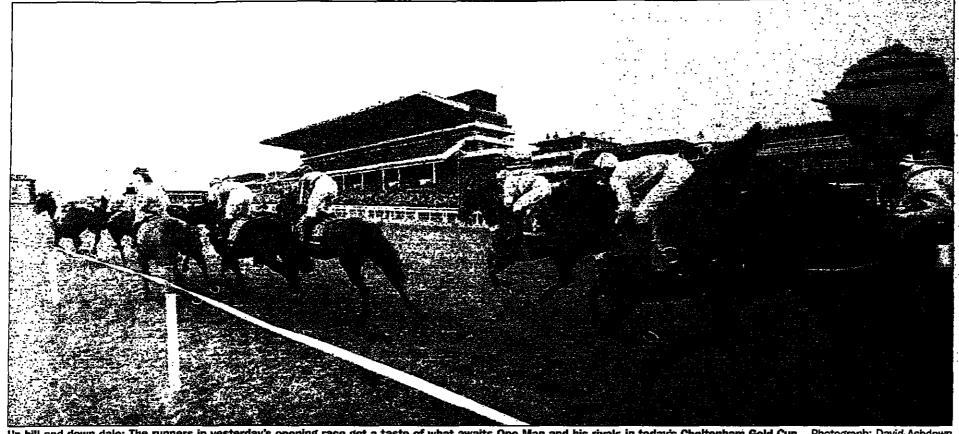
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CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL: A favourite grey on the brink of wider fame is ready to shatter the statistics stacked against him



Up hill and down dale: The runners in vesterday's opening race get a taste of what awaits One Man and his rivals in today's Cheltenham Gold Cup Photograph: David Ashdown

One Man cast in the hero's role

der their belts.

seasons ago.

Some vocalise, rather un-

convincingly, that One Man

will not quite last out today's

trip, but there is possibly more

substance to the belief that

Cheltenham is not his ideal

arena. He has won 10 of his last

11 completed starts and the only

blemish was his previous ap-

pearance here in the Sun Al-

liance Novices' Chase of two

Richards, though, brushes

away suggestions that the horse

has an aversion to the course

RICHARD EDMONDSON Racing Correspondent

Someone tried to steal the Gold Cup from a Cheltenham jewellers in a ram-raid a fortnight ago. This week the prevailing feeling has been !hat One Man will have to be hit by a truck to stop the trophy going back to Cumbria.

The grey's dominance of steeplechasing is such that bookmakers have been betting not only on whether he wins this afternoon's Blue Riband but also by how far.

Those who would like to see him victorious include people with ante-post vouchers in their pockets and others with romance in their hearts. One Man holds the promise of great-

Winner's place in betting: 1

sport's most eminent names.

though he does not need the assistance, the good ground that suits him best has arrived in the Cotswolds

His attributes are manifold. For a winter borse, One Man possesses unusual speed and would be a considerable force at distances much shorter than the three miles two furlongs he will negotiate today; fences seem to provide little hindrance to his impetus - when One Man jumps he bounces over. And al-

His qualities are hardly compromised by the fact that he is trained by Gordon Richards. The man from Grevstoke is closing in on 2,000 winners during his 30 plus years with a licence and, at 66, he has captured just about every major prize that steeplechasing can of-

push away from joining the fer. The Gold Cup, however, re- George VI Chase already unmains a conspicuous omission and it is not a race of great good fortune for Richards. This is the seventh Blue Riband contestant he has saddled and many that have gone before have failed when well fancied.

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Treble Bob (Cheitenham 2.50) NB: Our Kris (Cheitenham 2.15)

There is other evidence for the doomsters, because as well as the Cheltenham hill One Man will also have to clamber over a mountain of statistics. Short-priced favourites have a deplorable record at the Festival, as do horses who come to Prestbury Park with the King or hurt the horse.

CHELTENHAM

2.15: DARTER, who clocked a smart

time when heating Deymiar by sev-

en lengths at Windsor, will be suit-

ed by the drying ground and looks

a fair each-way bet at 14-1 with Lad-brokes. Magical Lady, Escartefigue.

Paddy's Return, Debutante Days

2.50: Seeking Cash would be a far

shorter price if he had not been beat-

and Mistinguett are dangers.

with the swiftness and nonchalance of a smoker removing a speck of ash from his cuff."1 promise you that if I thought Cheltenham was against him I wouldn't take him there," he says. "I could never disappoint

better suited by decent going but

that run may have taken its toll. Der-

rymoyle has every chance but is plen-

a trainer, Tim Forster, who has spent all week wondering when BOB's chasing career last month and the selection, third in last year's Sun Alliance Hurdle before beating a good field over two-and-half miles on good ground at Punchestown in April, will be suited by this trip.

3.30: DUBLIN FLYER, probably the most agile jumper in training, will be hard to catch. The 10-year-old was impressive in the Mackeson here in November and a form line at Kempton last month. He will be Dermot Weld called off TREBLE Prince gives him the beating of should take this.

more than the course to beat. There is the small matter of 10 others who will be getting in his way. Most prominent of these, in the betting at least, is Imperial Call, who is notable both for his recent form and because his trainer, Fergie Sutherland, left a leg behind in Asia when he stepped on a landmine in the Korean War yet continued to

ride to hounds. The gelding caused a shock when he repelled last year's Gold Cup winner, Master Oats. at Leopardstown last month, but the ground that day, as it always has been when Imperial Call has won, had plenty of juice in it. There are whispers too for Dublin Flyer, though not from the gelding's arch pessimist of

need softer ground.

One Man, of course, has a Chinese satellite was going to land on his head. Dublin Fiver will probably be in front in the contest for longer than any other horse, but whether his stamina is sufficient for him to hold the position to the end is open to question.

Barton Bank can be discounted as he always meets one obstacle as if someone has been shining a torch in his eyes, while the handicappers Couldnt Be Better and Rough Quest suffer from a joint problem. Neither are good enough.

For the value-seekers the obvious choice is Young Hustler, a Festival winner who will relish the ground. But for those who have been searching for the next great horse the quest should be at an end. One Man can do it for Gordon Richards, he can do it for racing as a whole.

Racing Post Chase winner Rough Quest, Barton Bank and Young Hustler, Brilliant King George win-ner One Man has had an interrupted preparation and is unproven at this unique track, Imperial Call, Could-nt Be Better and Monsieur Le Cure

4.05: COOL DAWN humbled a good quality field at Kempton last time. The same rider is in the sad-

TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (CLASS A) (Grade 1) £200,000 . 3m 2f 110yds 1. 316-194 BARRON BARR FIS (C) D) 10 12 0 ... A P McCoy (Owned: Mrs / Mould Rained: D Micholson The winner of the 1994 King George VI Crisse - who would have won the same race special wind the following year but for a last fence fall - has a poor record at Chebrarkern and an even worse one at this time of the year. Ruled up behind One Man at Sandown in January 10P-11F CONDING SE BETTER \$69 (C.U) 9 12 0 ... 6 Bradley
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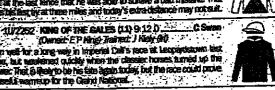
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GOLD CUP - 10-YEAR-TALE

Profit or loss to £1 stake: Favourities +£0.70. Second Favourities +£2.00

Percentage of winners placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in last race; 90%

op trainer: No trainer has won this race more than once in past 10 years

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PADDY'S RETURN, by the 1988 Derby winner, Kanyasi, is also a half-brother to five winners, including Ferdy Murphy's vanning hurdler/chaser Insh Stamp. Little wonder, then, that Murphy was keen to acquire Paddy's Return from his former trainer Kewn Prendergast, for n he ran once at two years in Ireland. Paddy's Return was a market springer on his de but for Murphy in a 17-ninner Bath maiden (10ft last May and beat all bor the Roger Charl ton-trained Easy Listening jurisaced since who lowered the course record. After a 12-furlang Kempton maden third to Anla in June, Paddy's Return was put by for jumping and socied to an easy win on his debut at lowly Sedgefield in Towerber. He defield a penalty in an Accot race featuring Danjang isecond; and Zabadi (10th) and their had bad luck in running when second to Ambre-bound Sovereigns Parade, the received 12th at Haydoos. Paddy's Return has since gone under to Debutante Days (winner since) at Sandown, but he is 12th better in with that filly. His sole linsh run suggests he can cope with any ground and he is a promising horse considering his light career to date. So, with the blinkers to sharpen him up for this severe test and with Richard Dunwoody booked, he looks a decent bet. Oliver Shertor one severe test and with recording buttons before a relocate acceptance, other sing-wood has piaged a shread card in putting the binners back on Danjing, who ran well in their on the Flat in the autumn, whise Debutante Days could be best of the filless even though Nigel Twiston-Davies is sweet on Misstinguett, and Misgicial Lady cardies his confidence. Darter has looked good in the mud, as has the ex-French Escarteritigue, while Nicely the desson believes Our Kris (vision first time) will run a big race in the traditions of First Bout and Alone Success, provided the ground is not too deep. Selection: PADDY'S RETURN

| 12 | 2.50 | BONUSPRINT STAYERS' HURDLE (CLASS A) (Grade 1) £75,000 added 3m 110yds £53,585 | C4 |
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| 5 | 4.311 | DERRYMONE (33) (D) West M Steven M Corresponded 7 11 10 | M Dwy |
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| 7 | P 01FFF | HEERIDEAN (29) (D) IP A Death D Northern 9 11 16 | |
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| 13 | 124PP6 | SOLO GENT (12) (C) (A A King & 10765 7 12 10 | S Carra |
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| 16 | 23-1546 | TIME FOR A RUN (29) (C) & P McMarcol E O Sect. M: 9 11 10 | P Carber |
| 17 | 305006 | TOP SPIN (19) (No Data Long) (1999) 5 11 10 | A P McCo |
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e starts that compage came when lest in this race, attrough it was a though to weat a, only five at the time, that he should be sent off equal taxourus with **Balanani**. Seelan should be better equipped for the test now has more mature but he must put behind Cash should be better equipped for the test now help more mature but he must put behind him a disappointing run at Rempton when, to be fair, he reportedly suffered an overreport, this previous effort, when destroying a field of good handicappers at Asont, was pure class and 12-tength the runner-up, Gilan Cove, taked by only a much to win the 3 m 21 handicap here on Tuesday, Derrystocyte has won twice over three miles, mounting an a Grade Two contest, theapy at Nazari last month, if Main Dayler can conserve his mount's speed the is effective at two miles, tool he will be a sing danger. Cyborgio developed into a smart stayer last season, toking four handicaps before a five-ength second to Dolaris Pride in this. Main Piper must think the horse is back on song and Cyborgy will stretch these if he is. Silver Wedge disperied doubts about his worth over three miles when he mastered Putty Road in the Long Wallk Hunde in Docember and he is better than he showed at itempton last time when behind Mole Board in See Enough's race. On the other hand, so for stody found would seem for from rocal at the trip. Trebia Bob is something of an unknown quantity at this season is offset by last season is useful truther form. Mysikn is more than long enough to take another our offer convesting the Champson Hundle, but she was fading when falling to take another run after contesting the Champion Huntle, but she was fading aften falling two out in the Anthree Huntle (Dm4f) last spring. Better Times Ahead, so game, hos come back better than ever after a year of, but Simpson would need very rung ground to get those the argument. Permain Tiansamen Square is best at 2m4. Selection: SEEKIN CASH



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131-1 COUNTRY UNROGEN (20) (P8) (Mrs M Cooper I Warbor 7 12 0
1135-12 DOUBLE SLK (12) (CD) (RF) (R C Williams) R Wilsons 12 12 0
EARLYDUE M J Jerrard P Doyle 9 12 0
127-311 ESGANT LORD (32) (P McMarus) Ence Boiger (0) 8 12 0
231-263 HARMINES MARWEST (9) (D) (RF) (Mrs B W Patmer D Wilsons 8 12 0
21 121-31 KERRY ORCHED (18) (P Curing) E (**Grady Int) 8 12 0
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31 13082 LEWISSON HELL (330) (T C Frost Picturel Barber 9 12 0
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1-211-R PROUD SUN (20) (8F) (Saver Rief S Pile 8:120
1-200-THE BIRD O'DONNELL (1,243) Racy Savin Barry Richard Barber 10:1
101-1 WHAT A MAND (10) MrS L J Roberts Roberd Barber 8:120

= 18 declared = BETTING: 3-1 Cool Dawn, 4-1 Elegant Lord, Proof Sun, 6-1 Double SER, 7-1 Holland House, 10-1 Rerry Grahid, 14-1 others 1995: Farms 8 12 0 Miss P Curing 8-1 (R Barber) 13 ran FORM GUIDE

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COOL DAWN will bid to win this the hard way, by being in or near the lead throughout. At least this style of roong means Cool Dawn may mass trouble and there are him who doubt his stamma. He is by his stablemote Harwell Lad's sire, Over the River, and Robert Alner said after Cool Dawn's Kempron win last morth: "I said this was a good horse and it is not often i would say that." Dod Harding has struck up a fine pernership with this progressive eight, year-old and although Proud Stin, winner of last season's John Corbet Cup at Stration'd, is a likely big danger, he had jumped rother slooply prior to fating at the 12th in Cool Dawn's Kempton race. Begant Lord has been touted by his owner and though Begant Lord was beaten 30 lengths by Fantus in this last year, he is expected to better that. What A Hand was noder with exherce patience at Windoor len days ago, beating Brown Lad comfortably, and this sound jumper, on the opgrade, will bounce back from that race in good hear. Double Silic won this race in both 1933 and 1994. He is game and genume but perhaps not quite the force of old.

Selection: COOL DAWN

| | 4 | 1.40 | (CLASS B) £35,000 added 2m 110yds £28,179 | CHAS |
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| | 1 | 23-22F | MARTER'S LAMP (40) (CO) (BF) /& Nes F C Wescu D Accobon 9 11 13 | Dummond |
| | 2 | 239314 | BROCKEY COURT (33) (D): Crania Ptc) Mrs J Harrington (b) 9 11 5 | C Sun |
| | 3 | 40-PS2F | UNICLE EPRIE (40) (D) (Lacy Lloyd Webberl) ProGesald 11 11 3 | M Dave |
| | č | 111111 | EASTHORPE (49) (CO) (PARTY Broughton) Must H Knight & 10 12 | F 756e |
| | 5 | 32-11-12 | NOBREET (40) (CA (Teny Warrer) P Hobbs 9 10 12 | A P Mate |
| | 6 | 1223-1:3 | SPREE CROSS (19) (D) (Exps of the Late Mr P L Mason) Mrs D Harre 10 10 9 | . O Brade |
| | 7 | 571112 | FRONT STREET (61) (D) (BF) Nets Jean R Bishop) S Shewood 9 10 9 | Ceborn |
| | 8 | 130323 | WHO'S TO SAY (19) (D) (N/S Alone O'Sullen) Mess V Williams 10:10 6 | T P Trees |
| - | 9 | 1F111U | TIBLE WORT WALT (40) (D) (Out Bend Partnesston: R Philads ? 10 6 | J Ballin |
| | 10 | 113125 | MORRHERM SADDLER (27) (D) (BF) (Retard J Exams) R Houses 9 10 0 | P Carbon |
| | 11 | 263-323 | MEDINAS SHAN SONG (12) (D) IC A G Perry, R Hoders 8 10 D | A Tou |
| | 12 | 410H45 | MAKES THE FRIST (S) (C) (C) (B) (R) (B) (MAKE) P Nichols R 10 0 | |
| | 13 | 1.33311 | MISTER 000Y (13) (D) N/cs R (M Hzh) Yerg 10 10 0 | Cataly C |
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- 14 declared
Minimum weight: 10st. True transform weights: Northern Saction 3st 12th, Meditors Swan Song 9st 8th, James The Past 9st 7th, Mister Only 9st 1th, Newholf Prince 2st 7th. BETTING: 6-1 Eastburge, Kibreet, Martin's Laray, 7-1 Front Street, 8-1 Medicas Swan Song, 9-1 Medica Oddy, Sprin Cross, 11-1 Time Worl't Wale, 12-1 Brockley Coart, Northern Sanidler, Uncle Brain, Who's To Say, 40-1 James The First, Rewhalf Paleon.

1995: Sound Receile 7 10 10 G Bradley 7-1 (C Brooks) 8 r an

Easthorpe, unbesten in six handicaps this season, is far from finished despite a 22th filled in the scale since September, Medinas Sware Song appeals most of the numbers out of the handicap proper but MARTER'S LAMP, deserving of a change of buck, appeals as the value despite top weight. In holds Represt on Victor Chandler Handicap Crises form and although Front Street, the pulled up favourite that day, looks well to here on his December defeat Front Street, the pulled up havourise that day, looks well in here on his December defeat of Mortar's Lamp at Ascor, David Nicholson's gleiding just needed that race. There is a dan-ger that this officual jumping course and/or the finishing hall will find furn out, but Richard Durancody is the perfect ally and Martin's Lamp is a classy two miler. Brocking Court bear Martin Daws in a Punichestown handicap in January and that looks an impressive statistic in the light of events have yesterday.

| 5.15 CATHCART CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (CLASS added 2m 5f E32,720 | 5 B) £45,000 |
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| 1 12 F6F1 MORCEL (19) (Mrs.) M Corbett J.H. Johnson 8 11 12 | P Carbon |
| 2 111113 SOUND MAN (2) (David Lloyd) E (1/2 and (4/1) 8 11 12 | Donkto |
| 3 111P1-3 SOUND REVEILE (40) (C) (As G Abecassi) C Brooks 8 11 7 | 6 Brade |
| 4 1-21213 . CHILLENGER DU LUC (PR) (SQ (BF) (D A Johnson) M Ploe 6 11.3 | D Bridgeste |
| 5 1PF131 MISSER THE KNOWER (10) () Hechinal Mas 1 Perpart 7 11 3 | R Ferran |
| 6 211118 MASTER BOSTON (40) (CD) (A K Oldbard R Woodhouse 8 11 3 | 1 When |
| 7 20-U123 ARR SHOT (26) (N/s Peter Proxime) D Nicholson 6 11 D | D leboor |
| 8 0-23F42 CAMPECHE BAY (40) () M Kinneer) G Beiding 7 11 0 | A D McCas |
| 9 28/1-2 FEEL THE POWER (73) (BF) (Martyr Booth) K Balley 8 21, 0 | 7 Homb |
| 10 F429F4 CO BALLISTIC (16) (8F) (MS B.) Lockhard J (7Shee 7 11 0 | المثاهد و وسيدي |
| 11 163/3-11 GOLDEN SPINNER (12) (Sir Peter Maler) N Henderson 9 11 0 | M & Shekard |
| 12 F3P11-6 CARRS REGRETS (1922) (D) (D C G Gyle-Thompson) Mess H Knight 8.11 | n lagran |
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s, 12-1 Go Bullistic, Golden Spierrer, 16-1 others Coulon 8 11 7 j Osborne 11-2 (O Stermond) 11 cm PORM GUIDE

INSER THE NOBERS will find the trip and going perfect. His recent Lieucester win has been boosted by Knockswery. Oatis Regists took well to chasing last term and needed the run, racing too keenly, at Kempton first time out, being eased and pulled up after fading, hie will be very fresh here and should find the trip ideal. He really impressed when benting Master Bootons and Denver Bay at Sandoun a year ego. Morevell has a good chance, but perfagning to the best for particular transfer.

| : | 1 | 5.50 | VINCENT O'BRIEN COUNTY HANDICAP HURD (Grade 3) £30,000 added 2m 1f Penalty Vai | LE (CLASS |
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| | 70 | 04512P | FRICKLEY (19) (Robert Ogsen) F Murphy 10 11, 2 | |
| | 11 | 300364 | FRECULEY (159) Richest Cogney F Murphy 10 11.2. HON YHONGE (5) (Nen Marri) M Crepmen 5 10 13 NEMBERN (13) (NY Harmody) J ForGeneti 8 10 13 NEMBERN (13) (NY Harmody) J ForGeneti 8 10 13 | W Warthhale |
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NUMBEEN was having only his second outing over hundres since the 1993-94 season when an eye-catching fifth to Source Sild in the Tote Gold Trophy of Newbury lest month and light my Flogeraid has shown yet again, this season that he has few peers given the right an intrategration. Amendic earns a £50,000 bonus if following up lest Satunday's Sandown win, but that effort might have knocked the shine off him. Thinking There is burdened by weight and Flemilly Line, (pipped by Home Counties; a year ago, he does not look quite so well hands capped now. Sift he has a capeble 5th claimer on top. Cheryf's Land remains relatively unexposed, while Romancer will live the end-to-end galop and Neep Ne in Mind was pendiled in for this after beating Amendic at Wincardon in January.

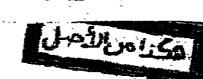
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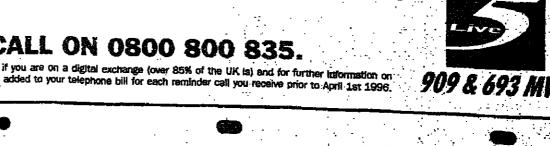
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Forgotten horse jogs the memory

reports from Cheltenham

It finished as it had started, with three in the air together over the last, but this time the burst of

speed and courage which car-ried Viking Flagship to victory in his first Champion Chase two years ago came up short. In 1994, he had edged out Travado and Deep Sensation in one of the finest finishes ever seen at Cheltenham, but now the baton has passed to the emerging generation of chasers from Ire-land.

That a third success in this race might take him 12 months too far was never in doubt, not least among the thousands of visiting punters who backed Sound Man down to favourite. They had the right idea, but the

wrong horse.

After a thrilling contest be-tween Viking Flagship and Sound Man over the last three fences, it was Klairon Davis, a 9-1 chance trained by Arthur Moore, who had the most left to give on the desperate climb to the line.

generous price about a horse who had won the Arkie Trophy last year, beating Sound Man in the process. Their paths had diverged since the 1995 Festival,

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3. Karshi — J F Titley 14-1.
Also: 11-2 fav Jet Rules, 9-1 Jack Tanner (4th),
10-1 Madison County, 12-1 Moncasman frun
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16-1 Sparkling Yesmm, 20-1 Budlercup Joe,
20-1 Ebullent Equaneme, 20-1 Strong Promise
(8th), 20-1 The Subble, 25-1 Whatsabob, 401 Mylavountemeritan, 66-1 Magisled (pulled
up), 66-1 Storm North, 66-1 The Reverend
Bert, 66-1 Tuscary Highway (pulled up), 1001 Can Can Charlie, 100-1 Line Gunner (pulled
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Paridy, 7 ram, 5, 11/4, 5, 31/4, 14, LT Moore, Neas, Co Kidare, for C Jones). Tothe: £3, 70; £2, 70, £1,60, DF: £10,50, CSP: £27,94.

Also: 7-2 fav Time For A Run, 10-1 Sohrab, 11-1 Sparky Gayle (Sth), 14-1 Nilone Abbot, 16-1 Boherman Castle, 16-1 Lemon's Mill

(culled up), 16-1 Opera Hot (fel), 20-1 Alias Wyns, 20-1 The Lanvan Lank (6th), 25-1 Noy-an, 25-1 Roberty Lea, 33-1 Jahrib, 50-1 Ojas, 66-1 Pondermg, 100-1 Star Market, 200-1

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ton, for Marquesa de Moratalia). Totes £5.70; £2.10, £1.90, £2.00, £5.70. DF:

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putting together an impressive sequence of victories while Klairon Davis had managed only one victory - and two completions - in four outings this year. When the evenings start to lengthen, though, Klairon Davis starts to run for his life.

"Klairon Davis is a spring horse and the forgotten horse." Francis Woods, his jockey, said. "He missed the ditch out and I as tough as anything and it was pure class up the hill." Those behind too could only

landed in the ditch I thought it was the end of him," Charlie Swan, Viking Flagship's rider, said. "I had no answer when he came late. The defeat of Sound Man,

dmire the winner. When he

who made too many mistakes to summon up a serious challenge after the last, was just the latest misery for punters who had yet to see a favourite in the winner's enclosure.

The Irish, though, did at least enjoy Urubande's success - the first in Britain for his trainer Aidan O'Brien - in the Sun With the crystal clarity of Alliance Novices' Hurdle. With-hindsight, 9-1 was a remarkably in 70 minutes, though, much of the money had been handed back, when a gamble on Time For A Run, owned by JP Mc-Manus, came badly unstuck in the Coral Cup.

12 ran. 8, 28, 16, 27, -1. (Mrs. J Pirman, Upper Lambourn, for J Shawi. Tota: £8.60; £1.90, £1.70, £7.90. DP: £6.20. CSF; £15.21. Tno: £103.80. Non Runner: Hill of

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eri. 22 ma. 13, 5, dist, 35, %, (E.O'Grady, ire-tent, for Lord Tawstock). Tota: £23,10; £4.50, £2.90, £2.00. DF. £89.10. CSP. £99.69. Tro: £104.90.

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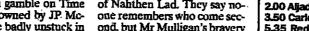
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The winner was Trainglot, who survived a stewards' enquiry after a pitched battle up the run-in with Treasure Again and New Co, but the officials took a firmer view about O'Brien's declaration of Hotel Minella, a Champion Hurdle also-ran, for this event. As expected, Hotel Minella

was declared a non-runner yesterday morning, leaving the handicap squashed almost flat. After interviewing O'Brien, the stewards referred the matter to the Jockey Club, under rules which include such forceful phrases as "wilful disregard of the interest of racegoers" and 'reprehensible motive".

O'Brien was just one of three Irish trainers in the top enclosure yesterday, with Eddie O'Grady's Loving Around taking the National Hunt Chase. Perhaps the finest performance of the day, though, was offered in defeat. Mr Mulligan, the front-running favourite for the Sun Alliance Novices' Chase, crashed through the first and lost at least a dozen lengths.

Somehow, he hauled himself back into contention, hitting the front once again seven from home, but too exhausted after the last to resist the challenge of Nahthen Lad. They say noond, but Mr Mulligan's bravery will not be soon forgotten.



RACING RESULTS Alsoc 9-4 fav Andentio (Ath), 11-2 Graduat-ed, 9-1 Rwerdale Boy (pulled up), 12-1 Cha-le Fostrot (5th), 12-1 Charter, 18-1 Agistment (5th), 20-1 Burn Out, 20-1 Colonel Blazer, 20-1 Darakshan, 25-1 Three Farthings, 33-1 Bongrove Man, 33-1 Eagles Rest, 33-1 For-est Nory, 33-1 Jay Man, 33-1 John Drumm, 33-1 Nasone, 33-1 Saxon Duke, 33-1 Whose Yer Wan, 50-1 Gods Squad, 50-1 St Mellion Drue, 50-1 Sutherland Moss. 24 rat. 2. 3, 1¼, ½, 3½, (W Mullins, Clo-sutton, Co Certow, Robert Sindar). Total: £3.30; £1.90, £12.70, £9.90. DF: £165.00 CSF: £81.51.Tino: £1,648.70. Non Runner

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pes Longuer 25-1; 3. Marce 5-4 /1 (5)/ 9 fax. 9-4 /t fav River Leven (6th). 25, 3, (M Bar-aclough). Tota: 56.60; 51.10, 55, 70, 51.90. DF: 530.10, CSF: £111.64. Tricast: £393.05. Tric: £89.70.

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£2.30. CSF: £9.98. NR: Fools Errand.
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230:1. MOLUMICLOSE U Frost) 5-1: 2. General Pomps 20-1: 3. Martell Spirit 7-2. 16 rm. 11-4 fav Pleasant Surprise. 4, 70. (R Frost). Tete: £6.60: £1.10, £18.90, £1.90. DF: £176.10. CSF: £103.40. Tric: £109.40. 3.05: 1. BARMES U Lover) 13-8 fav; 2. Mylackflorn 9-2: 3. Lard Mitrogen 12-1. 8 rm. 12, dst. M Fipol. Tete: £2.10: £1.40, £1.50, £2.60. DF: £6.10, CSF: £9.44.

£2.60. DF: £6.10. CSF: £8.44.
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2. Steel Gem 15-2; 3. Out Busiding 7-4 fav.
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4-1; 2. Mighamel 4-1; 3. On Blent 10-1, 14 rac.
100-30 fav Bootscraper, 4, 24. (Mrs R Feb).
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4-1, 8 rac. 14, 2. (A Newcombe). Totac
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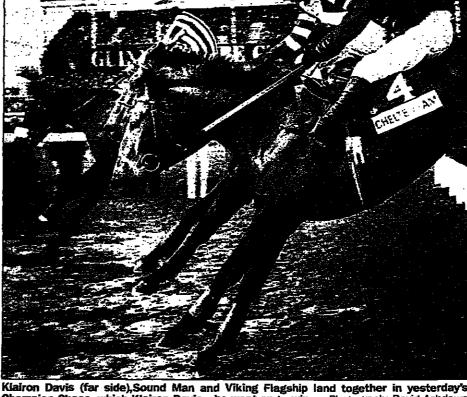
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- 10 declared -BETTING: 9-2 Cheeky Chappy, Hever Golf Star, 5-1 Spender, 11-2 Stoppes Brent, 6-1 LRT Boy, 8-1 Friendly Brave, Featherstone Lane, 12-1 others

3.05 RED MINTY 16TH ANNIVERSARY CLAIM-ING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 6f

3.45 FLAT 1996 WALLPLANNER CLAHWING STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 7f

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- 9 declared -BETTING: 3-1 Bardon HB Boy, 7-2 Statejach, 4-1 Ocean Park, 7-1 Hardy Dancer, 8-1 Kishwyn, 10-1 Field of Vislan, Bernard Seven, 12-1 others

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5-1 Apolio Red, 6-1 Sir Tasker, 8-1 Southern Dominion, 10-1 others

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Medium-size Monty in good shape

ANDY FARRELL reports from Dubai

Colin Montgomerie, the threetimes winner of the Order of Merit, has a car for each year he has been European No 1 and a triple-sized garage to match. But the Audi A8 and the Mercedes estate have been left out in the cold. Only the Porsche has escaped the sleet and snow. The rest of the garage is taken up with an exercise bike, running machine, rowing machine and

"I've lost over two stones," said the not so Big Monty as he prepared for his first tournament of the year, the Dubai Desert Classic, here. He has worked out daily since early January and is "cating sensibly". In the official Tour guide, he is listed as weighing 15st. I don't know where they got that from. It's not correct," he said.

"I still want to lose another half-stone. I didn't do it to aid my golf. I've done it for my own well-being and satisfaction. It's nice when people come up to you and say you look fitter. I feel fitter and stronger." The Montgomerie waist size

has gone down from 40 to 36. David Leadbetter, Nick Faldo's coach, has been among those to suggest that Montgomerie could earn even more pounds in his wallet (he won a record £835,051 in Europe last year) if he took a few off his ample frame. Monty did not agree then, and he does not agree now. "I've sweated my way through US Opens and US PGAs, but I proved at Riviera last year that I could play golf

Montgomerie tied for the US PGA Championship las year before losing a suddendeath play-off to Steve Elking ton. In '94 he lost in an 18-hole play-off, eventually won by Emic Els, at the US Open. A major championship is top of his wish list. "To reach fourth in the world without winning a major proves I'm consistent on my home tour, but I'm looking to win a major. I'm positive that can go that one step further One shot is all that it is."

A wrist injury that flared up

at the end of last season has been cured with rest, and along with his greater flexibility, has helped him complete the backswing. "That has always been my fault. Now I get my hands higher and I'm hitting my irons better," Montgomerie said. During a near three-month break, his second daughter.

Venetia, was born and Montgomerie had a glimpse of life at home. "I saw my brother working hard, and my father working hard and experienced the traffic driving my elder daughter to kindergarten. We are fortunate to be in a profession to afford to take three months off at the age of 32."
The Scot faces 10 other Ry-

der Cup players here, nine from Europe plus the American Fred Couples, the defending champion. However, one of the Ryder men, the accidentprone Sam Torrance, is struggling with a tendon injury caused when his ankle twisted while manoeuvring an airport trolley up a kerb. Montgomerie's first task is to

catch up the £211,005 already won by lan Woosnam. The Welshman is in confident mood after two wins, and a fifth place in Morocco last week.

rugby league club as we know it," he said. Robinson added

that the allegations against him contained "serious inaccura-

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Super League in Australia

has failed to win a reprieve from

the court order banning it from

starting before the turn of the century, but the 311 players

signed to play for the rebel com-

pention will not have to rejoin the

rival Australian Rughy League.

ders halting Super League was rejected by a bench of three

judges in Sydney, but their deci-

sion that the players are not yet

legally obliged to return is a se-

The Australian game's victo-

rious governing body is to kick

off its delayed competition - to

be known as the Optus Cup - on

22 March, but it now looks cer-

tain to be without players of the

stature of Bradley Clyde, Laurie

return to the ARL and several

They have all vowed not to

Daley and Allan Langer.

rious blow to the ARL.

An application for a stay of or-

Wigan's chairman determined to stay

to resign.

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

Wigan's beleaguered chairman, cies" and that he had been iack Rodinson, is insisting tnat he will not resign over allegations of an attempt to defraud a local newspaper.

Robinson is under investigation by the police over accusations of an attempt to gain damages from the weekly Wigan Observer by concocting a story that a transfer deal taking Neil Cowie to Leeds had broken down because of an article in the

Wigan are suing the paper over a story which wrongly identified Cowie as one of the players involved in alleged drunken antics in Tenerife before the side's Challenge Cup defeat by Salford.

Leeds, furious at being implicated in a possible fraud, were eager to distance themselves from Wigan yesterday. "I want to make it clear that we never made a bid for Neil Cowie and never expressed any interest in signing him," Alf Davies, the club's chief executive, said.

Although he is saving no more at present, Davies has declared himself willing to assist in enquiries into a matter that game in Britain and its leading Wigan, under Robinson's

run into well-publicised financial problems over the last six months. "If I did quit it would leave

chairmanship, have dominated

the door open for a takeover and probably the end of Wigan

have discussed the possibility of playing rugby union or Australian rules. Playing in Britain could be an option for some, including Clyde, who is being achas serious implications for the tively pursued by Warrington. News Limited, which is backing Super League in both Australia and Europe, has claimed its limited success in court yes-

all domestic trophies, but have terday as "a major boost". It has also been given leave to appeal against the main order and still hopes that a quick and successful outcome could allow Super League to start up

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

years ago, the Gold Cup favounte might well have had Ron Barry on board for today's big race. It was as first jockey to One Man's Cumbrian trainer, Gordon Richards that Barry made his name, as champion lockey in 1973, with a record 125 winners, and in 1974. The Gold Cup provided Barry with

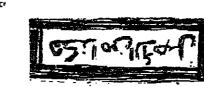
his finest moment, although not on a Richards horse but The Dikler, on whom he beat Pendil by a short- don't have the time and riding is head in 1973, for Fulke Walwyn. something you need to do every Champion Hurdle as well."

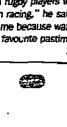
"It was a great Cheltenham for me," day, rather than once in a while. I Barry said. "I was second in the hunt with the Ullswater -- but with the foot pack."

Born in Limenck, Barry rode 823 Lake views provide the backdrop winners under Rules, retiring in to Barry's home - only 10 minutes 1983 to develop his stabling and from the Richards yard at Greystoke kennels business, which still thrives. - where he lives with his wife, Liz, Now 53, he doubles as the Jock- and their two sons, Stuart, 17, and ey Club's inspector of courses for 19-year-old Michael. "They are both the North of England, driving up to keen rugby players with no inter-50,000 miles a year, as he used est in racing," he said. "But that to as a nder. suits me because watching rugby

"The difference now is that I is my favounte pastime." rarely sit on a horse." he said. "I

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laudatory, seemed as much valediction as tribute. Carling will doubtless be glad of the relative comfort of the back pages after returning to the front pages this week but the slow handclaps of his home crowd remain a disagreeable memory of the Samoan and Welsh matches. "He will want to leave Twickenham with the right relationship with everyone there and that includes the

crowd," Rowell said. "His leadership this season in a team that's rebuilding has been a big challenge, but the way he put his leadership together in the run-up and the game in Scotland. .. I've never seen anything better than

that in my rugby life." as opposed to "football" - even England. Yours sincerely.

ANDREW RICHARDS Wimbledon SW195DG.

sport Tyson determined but no longer assured

Ken Jones reports from Las Vegas with a revealing insight into the state of mind and body of a title challenger

hen Mike Tyson was first shown a video of the con-test that saw E--test that saw Frank Bruno outpoint Oliver McCall in London last September to become the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, he questioned immediately the notion that the British hero might be too dangerous a proposition. "You can't be serious," Tyson said seathingly to his co-managers,

John Horne and Rory Holloway. Since the titles held out by the major boxing organisations were in Don King's pocket, the grand plan of unification could have taken a different, less hazardous direction. Tyson says now that he did not opt for Bruno, merely went along with what King, Horne and Holloway decided, but in view of the independence he established upon being released from prison and fixed up

'It's all more of a burden now, more responsibilities. I'm just not a happy type of guy'

with a six-fight deal so far worth around \$60m (£40m), this takes

some believing.
It is more likely that when Tyson looked again at the fighter who became one of his many battered victims seven years ago, surviving only until the fifth round, he did not see much in the way of improvement, certainly not enough to worry him.

Personally, there have been plenty of occasions in this town when it seemed advisable to proceed with caution, and I do not mean when engaging in games of chance or onvisits to the vast betting emporiums.

In attempting to predict the out-come of prize-fights you run the risk of being made to look foolish. Quite remarkable upsets have put a strain on the process of logic and given credibility to naive thinkers. Going back more years than I find



right title right against Frank Bruno, is worried about missing with too many nunches Mike Tyson, in training for Saturday's world heavywe

comfortable to remember, it was impossible to imagine that Leon Spinks, a 15-1 outsider, had the beating of Muhammad Ali but he capitalised sensationally on the great man's slovenly preparation. You can throw in George Foreman's defeat of Michael Moorer too. Few gave Foreman much of a chance against the World Boxing Organisation's title holder, but when a distance adrift on the official scorecards he knocked out Moorer to become, at 46, the oldest

heavyweight champion in history.

feat Tyson inside the distance, surely his only means of victory, so what is it that casts doubts on the outcome of Saturday's proceedings at the MGM Grand entertainment complex in Las Vegas? Is it Bruno's relaxed air, his confident utterances. or a suspicion that Tyson may be only a shell of the fighter who brought a reign of terror to the heavyweight division?

Some of Tyson's statements suggest the affliction of uncertainty, as though he can no longer find the fearsome purpose that characterised the first phase of his career. "Really, I don't know," he said recently. "I look at boxing differently now than I did back then. Back then, I looked at it like it was fun. It came so easy. Everything is more of a burden now, more responsibilities. I don't know if I should use

the word burden. But I'm just not a happy type of guy. As a Muslim my main objective as far as beliefs go is to have the most respect for humanity in general. My religion gives me a broader perspective. It enables me to be at peace with myself and lets me know that life is not necessarily about being successful

Popplewell left

none the wiser

and making a great deal of money, but conducting yourself in a way

God will appreciate." When people hear Tyson say those things they wonder about him. What goes on in his mind, what sort of future does he imagine for himself? The meanderings have a cosmic quality, but not so that they are easily dismissed as mere flights of fancy. "There's always pressure," he added, "and it increases with maturity. Hopefully, and praise be to God, I'll be able to deal with it." Inevitably, Tyson's worst memo-ries concern the loss of his freedom,

FIVE NATIONS: Underdogs are ready as Rowell again preaches an open garse

Photograph: Sean Dempsey/PA

the three years he spent banged up in the Indiana Youth Centre after being found guilty of raping a beauty queen contestant. "It was a bad experience," he said, "took away my dignity. But prison gave me time to reflect on what happened to me. You sit down and try to read and it just all flares up again. In time you understand the angles that were placed in your life and how the puzzles were put together to place your in that position. And you say, 'Wow, how could that have happened?" Then you leave your cell and you are surrounded by other problems

about?"

One of the things that can be sensed in Tyson is frustration, brought about probably by difficulties of timing that were clearly evident in the two contests he had undertaken since returning to the ring. "Sometimes it feels as though I'm getting there, then I'm all over the place again," he confided this week. "I've got back my power and speed but I still miss with too many punches."

A safe conclusion is that reports of mayhem in the gymnasium are more than slightly exaggerated as they have been throughout boxing history. However it is unquestionably a truth that one of Tyson's sparring partners was utterly sickened by a hook that arrived with alarming suddenness. "In that moment Mike looked his old self," a reliable witness said. "The impact was frightening and if Bruno feels just one of those shots Mills [the refer-ee Mills Lane] won't have to do any

In his young prime, when a bleak glance was enough to make opponents tremble, as even the old war-

'It was a bad experience, took away my dignity, but prison gave me time to reflect'

rior Larry Holmes did one night in Atlantic City, nothing appeared to intrude upon the grim purpose im-planted by Tyson's mentor, the late Cus D'Amato. He was, as Lennox Lewis is fond of saying about him-self, "entirely focused". There was a terrible certainty about his victories. Nobody at the time, not even the big heavyweights he sometimes found troublesome, were given a chance of

interrupting his raging progress.

Then the effects of a flawed nature: A dissipation of his powers. "By the time I fought Bruno I was almost out of control," Tyson admitted. Confused, he was no longer the fighter D'Amato fashioned.

Now, Tyson looks determined but sometimes conveys an impression of uncertainty. Maybe he is trying to remember all the things D'Am-

"Strategic" and "tactical"

are euphemistic Rowellisms

for the restricted rugby that

gained England their Mur-

were less polite with their ad-

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ally. When you watch the Su-

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the game, we've got to get

there in an English way as soon

Saturday's match will tell whether wishful Rowell's think-

as possible.

"We'd like to see the backs

er, are about to be lifted.

Boardman slips off the pace

Cycling

abort extended his lead in the Paris-Nice race with a repeat victory over his chief rival. Lance Armstrong, on the fourth stage from Maurs-la-Jolie to

The Frenchman, the world No 1, finished 15 seconds clear on the 167-kilometre fourth United States, again second after another climbing contest all the way to the line. Laurent had warned: "Jalabert needs SAVE ELECTION PROPUSITES

Brochard, of France, was third, a further seven seconds adrift.

Jalabert, who won this eightclear in the final kilometre of the winding 7.6-km ascent of the wooded slopes of Causse Noir.

third overnight, lost 49 seconds on Jalabert on that climb. finishing ninth in a strung-out field. Overall he is 1min and 9sec down on the leader, Jalstage, with Armstrong, of the abert, who said: "The race is not over yet and I fear everyone."

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only another 10 seconds gain on me and he will be unassailable." The Briton had hoped to limit Britain's Chris Boardman day race last year, is 35 seconds the damage on the climbs so slipped one place to fourth ahead of Armstrong in the that he could challenge for overall positions after breaking overall victory in the fin a 19.9km time trial along the Mediterranean coast to Nice on

Sunday. Following vesterday's stage, Boardman said: "I was not going as fast as I did on Tuesday. There is still a chance to be in the top three overall but it is going to be incredibly difficult." Today's stage is a 159km circuit, starting and finishing in Millau. Results. Sporting Digest. page 25

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LIFESTYLE ECHO*

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Unpredictable and underdogs, Ireland come to Twickenham this Saturday the same as they ever do. If it is discomforting for the opposition never knowing quite what to expect from the boys in green, it's no less disquieting for the Irish that

> they never know either. The postscript to the 1996 campaign is liable to read plus ca change. A state of high optimism before the first game, quickly giving way to suicidal pessimism, highlighted by some sort of new record in defeat (usually at Parc des Princes) and rescued by an improvement in the second half of the season.

Whereas others, most notably England, rumble along in a straight line, Ireland lurch and bump along a roller-coaster. Many fall off along the way, and only four players have survived from the Twickenham victory of two seasons ago.

No one has suffered more bumps and bruises, more shocks to his equilibrium, along the way than Nick Popplewell, the 31vear-old, careworn 38-cap veteran who made his debut in 1989. Which is why he believes the pattern can be repeated this Saturday with an Irish win. "Oh of course, yeah, definitely," he says.

"Because I think we can beat anyone on occasions, I've never gone into a match thinking we're not going to win it. although it seems most of the time that's the way it happens. I think England are in the same position as they were two years ago. They d won matches and were

under pressure to score tries." "We blocked them out for the first 20 minutes, then we blocked them out for the first 40 minutes. they started trying to create things out of nothing and it didn't really work. The back row had a superb game and all of a sudden, out of nothing, it became a doglight in the last 10 minutes and we came out with a win.

When beating England in

Kick out rules that tory, even if you now have the discourage running team at the bottom of the From Mr A Richards

Sir: As an Australian who was born in Wales I have little truck with England winning at any sport but I do think that your leader was a little unfair to the England rugby union team. Un number of "offences" from be sense to me, der the rules. England are quite which a penalty kick at goal can Most offence entitled to kick themselves to vic- be taken is absurd. The game treated as free kicks and the of-

'93 and '94, Ireland won only one other championship match, against Wales naturally. Ireland being happiest when underdogs has become a cliche, and one Popplewell struggles to reject. "I think that's too much of a generality. It does work out that

David Hughes on

the one constant

in the Irish team's

roller-coaster ride

way but England beat us last year we were underdogs. I can't put a finger on it, through all the years I've been there. I wish I could." Clearly, an enduring career in an Irish shirt has made him none the wiser. It has even reduced him to tears, most mem-

orably in the moment of victory against Wales at Cardiff Arms Park in 1993, coming as it did after 11 successive defeats. You would cry at times, too, if you were an Irish rugby player. His bleakest moments in an Irish shirt came after this season's

opening defeat to the Scots, and here we are on the not-so-merry roller-coaster again. "I really felt this was the year we going to do something. I had a piss-poor game to be honest with you and I felt responsible for a lot of it and then for the first time in three or four years I felt that I was genuinely under pressure. On a personal level, he is adamant that that will not hap-

pen again next season. The cause was a lack of match practice brought about by joining Newcastle this season and the resultant 120-day ban from competitive rugby. "Unfortunately it's the reality of the new world." But the same new world has granted him a four and a half year contract and with it the promise of full-time professional rugby.

On a general level he remains at a loss to explain it all. "I don't know the reasons. Up to now I suppose you could say that we

extraordinary situation that the

Championship (Wales) have

scored three times as many tries.

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as England, who are second.

his match-winning try at Twickenham two years ago. That, and Peter Clohessy's first-half tackle on Philip de Gianville constitutes Popplewell's abiding memories of the game. "Claw's tackle on De Glanville set the trend for the whole day. Out of nowhere Claw cut De Glanville in our 22. Jaysus, splintered him altogether and as so often happens a big tackle just gets people in the right frame of mind."
It may well require some simi-

lar moment of inspiration to trigger another formbook-tearing Irish performance. And who knows if it will, least of Ireland.

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Richards fit for an Irish finale STEVE BALE

happy for his twisted knee to rayfield victory, though Scots cause him to miss last Sunday's Popplewell: Hopes to be fit England training session but might have been better yesterday there was no escape prepared on this or that but and - to the unbridled relief those excuses are now gone. of all bar the Irish - he was We seem to be prone to passed fit for Saturday's Triple Crown match at Twickenham.

Dean Richards was perfectly

starting the season very poorly. We tried to avoid that by playing a couple of matches before we Barely a month ago Jack Rowell, the manager, was still went into the Five Nations. expecting - or at any rate hop-They went really well, and then ing - that England could get by history says the rest. We just colwithout their long-serving No , tacking full-back on purpose. lapsed against the Scots, got 8. Now, having personally creworse against the French and I ated the conditions under suppose you could say we beat a poor Welsh side. We just which Scotland's Grand Slam aspirations were ended, even seemed to be going forward most of the time, which certainly at 32 Richards remains the nearest thing to indispensable.

helped fatties like me.* He played a full part in yes-A self-deprecating wit is a terday's private session at the necessary buffer, especially this Bank of England ground, including the scrummaging practice. The Irish are also reseason. Popplewell apportions blame for the latest antilieved that the most-capped climactic campaign squarely on the shoulders of the senior player in their team, the Lions players, "including myself". prop Nick Popplewell, should have recovered sufficiently

Hence his desperate desire to play at Twickenham, despite a from a hamstring injury. worrisome if slight hamstring Whether England really do open up their rugby against Ireland will probably depend tear but he is confident of being declared fit. "It's happened to me before and as people will on whether Richards is pertell you I don't ever sprint on it sonally inclined to instigate the anyhow. I don't need it as much change. That said, this is yet again Rowell's sincere intenas someone like Geoghegan." Mention of Geoghegan recalls tion as expressed when his team gathered in Richmond

yesterday. "Accepting it is a rebuilding year, we do not believe we've done justice at Twickenham to our talents," the manager said. We'd like to think there will be more ball moving across the face of the threequarters and that is our strategic intent. 'We haven't got to imposing

it at Twickenham this year and the sooner we get back to it the better. Only in the Scotland and France games did we play tactically and there's no inhibition in game plans for the backs to have the ball. Full stop."

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FA investigates Wolves signings

Football ALAN NIXON

Wolverhampton Wanderers are to be questioned by the Football Association about the £1.5m double signing of Frank Corica and Zeljko Kalac from

Leicester City.

If they are found guilty of using an unlicensed agent, the Molineux club and two Australians themselves could face hefty fines and suspension.

The deal is now being investigated to find out the possible involvement of a leading Ger-man agent in the move. The FA confirmed last night that they are probing the transfer under instructions from Fifa, who demand that all agents lodge a £100,000 bond with them before

The FA spokeswoman, Claire Tomlinson, said: "We are writing to the club and asking them which agent, if any, was involved in the deal. We have had reports

Support wanted for Scottish youngsters

Tommy Craig, the Scotland Under-21 coach, has called on the Tartan Army to back his raw recruits for their European hampionship quarter-final second leg against Hungary in

Craig is looking for a sell-out. 16,000 crowd for the match at Easter Road after a creditable. 2-1 defeat in Budapest on Tuesday, which puts them in with an excellent chance of reaching the last four. He feels that prize can be achieved if the famous Scottish support rallies behind his team on 26 March the way they have done for the full international side over the decades.

We saw in Budanest, where there 15,000 hostile fans, how important the public are," he said. The response of their crowd was remarkable and it lifted the Hungarian boys.

"The Scottish public have shown in the past that when they get the opportunity, they are virtually unrivalled. These kids will appreciate the kind of support the Scottish fans can give - and they deserve it for what they have done for their country."

The young Scots have strug-gled to attract more than 5,000 spectators to their recent under-21 games but the last big crowd to come out at this level, a sellout 24,000 four years ago in Aberdeen for the quarter-final ainst Germany, was rewarded with a thrilling 4-3 win and a place in the semi-final and Craig is hoping history repeats

With two well-taken penalty

corner goals, Danny Geach,

Brunel's sweeper, spoiled Loughborough's party at Milton

finals of the British Universities

Brunel beat them 3-2 in extra time.

managed to come from behind twice against Russia in the qualilying group but at Easter Road we will have 90 minutes to get

the goal we require."

Craig feels that his side benefited in Budapest from the presence of Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, who was monitoring the progress of players such as the Celtic pair Simon Donnelly and Jackie McNamara and Aberdeen's Stephen Glass, scorer of the vital away goal, with a view to promoting them to the full international squad for Euro 96.

The Portuguese goalkeeper Vitor Baia has been suspended pending a disciplinary hearing on Friday after he was sent off for fighting in a club match last week. Baia, who had never previously received a red card, was sent off for the league leaders Porto after clashing with a senior official of the Sporting Club de Campo Maior during his club's controversial 1-0 away win last Friday. Under league rules he could be suspended for between three and

An Italian politician called yesterday for fans to protest against a players' strike called for this weekend, by boycotting matches the following Sunday. Giorgio Bornacin, the regional co-ordinator for the far-right National Alliance party in the Riviera region of Liguria, said: "Let's leave the stadiums empty on Sunday, 24 March for 22 little men to amuse themselves

time in the men's first XI final.

Otherwise Loughborough

In a highly entertaining game Geach opened the scoring in the

first minute. Goals from Jason

Lee and Matt Slater put Lough-

borough ahead before South-

to force extra time. Geach's win-

"The tie is still very much alive. said the supporters were the We only need a 1-0 win to go "real financial backers of Ital-through on away goals and we ian football."

swept the board.

on their own.

that an unlicensed agent was involved and it is our procedure to follow that up.

A complaint has been lodged by a rival, licensed agent in Eng-land and Wolves will now have to answer to the FA. Fifa are keen to crack down on rogue transfers and Wolves could be nunished severely if they are found to have broken the rules.

The winger Corica and goal-keeper Kalac can be fined up to £30,000 each and suspended for a maximum of a year. Wolves and their manager, Mark McGhee, would be hit even harder. The club can technically be suspended for a year and of-ficials fined up to £60,000.

Jon Newsome could return to Sheffield Wednesday as captain for Saturday's important Premiership meeting with Aston Villa. The Hillsborough club have agreed a fee of around £1.5m for the 25-year-old Norwich captain, who began his career with Wednesday, and he will complete the move if he can resolve contractual complications with the Canaries.

Sheffield United are set to spend £750,000 on Dynamo Minsk's Belarus international striker, Petr Kachuro. He has been training at Bramall Lane and played one reserve match. Mick McCarthy yesterday

resisted the temptation to make sweeping changes when he named his first squad as Republic of Ireland manager, for the friendly against Russia in Dublin on 27 March.

"It would be nice to start my new career with a win, but the most important thing is seeing if players can carry out my ideas on the field of play," Mc-Carthy said.

He also revealed he was still pursuing the Tottenham striker Chris Armstrong and Sean Dundee, who plays his football in the Bundesliga with Karlsrube. "We still have to sort out the question of whether they are eligible under Fifa rules. Chris Armstrong has an open mind on the subject," he said.

The Football Association of Ireland are expecting a full house of 44,000 for the game at Lansdowne Road.

REPUBLIC OF BRELAND SQUAD (v Russia, Dublin, 27 March; A Kelly (Shefi Urd), Bon-ner (Celpc), Irvin (Man Urd), G Kelly (Leeds), Kenna (Blackburn), McGrath (Aston Villa),

women's final in dominant style

through Sarah Blanks and

Georgina Martin only to lose

A series of outstanding saves

by Vicky Blackmore including

a penalty stroke kept Birming-

ham in the game which ended

Blackmore was to save twice

in the penalty shoot-out before

goalless after extra time.

their way after the interval.



Becker brought down by Costa

Birmingham started the a weak strike from Lindsey

Carlos Costa blew Boris Becker out of the Newsweek Champions Cup in the first round at Indian Wells, California yesterday. The world No 38 won 6-3, 7-5 in his first meeting with fourth-seeded Becker, taking the final five games of the second set to wrap up a surprise

Becker refused to use the quarter-final of the day. windy conditions as an excuse for losing to the Spaniard. "I just me," Coetzer said. "I don't ing the power on her ground- 7-5, 6-7, 6-3.

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didn't play as good as Costa to-day." he said. "When I was there, but I definitely felt that the eighth game allowed Rubin serving for the second set, I made two very easy volley mistakes, especially one backhand volley. You can't afford making those

mistakes if you want to win." Becker's compatriot. Steffi Graf, had no such problems in earning a semi-final place in the Evert Cup, heating South Africa's Amanda Coetzer 6-4, "I just let it run away from

John Anderson, the new Scot-

tish team manager, vesterday

said he will "move heaven and

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Anderson appeal to McColgan

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"I want to make it clear to her

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the fifth seed, Chanda Rubin,

beat her 6-3, 6-3. Rubin, a semi-

finalist at the Australian Open

Jennifer Capriati was elimi-

the eighth game allowed Rubin to break to take the set 6-3. Capriati fell behind 4-0 in the second set but Rubin dropped serve twice on errors. After that, Rubin played steadily. broke Capriati for 5-3, and won on her fourth match point.

games in two matches in her the 10th seed from the Netherlands, succumbed to the chal-Capriati recovered from 5-1 American Lindsay Lee, who down in the first set after find- won their third-round match

"I have no problems whatso-

ever with any arrangements that

make Liz feel comfortable. If I

felt something like that would

help, then I would be pushing

very hard to persuade the team

management to accept it."

Mark Waugh goes into the Brenda Schultz-McCarthy.

> match Waugh for consistency in been dominated by batsmen. Five innings have brought him three centuries (130 against

Kenva. 126 against India and 110 against New Zealand) plus a

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Storm over Knowles' withdrawal

Badminton

BILL COLWILL

Teter Knowles, the England international, refused the opportunity to clear himself of suspicion over his late withdrawal from the All-England Championships, which upset the organisers and infuriated his Olympic rival. Anders Nielsen.

He rejected a request to see the tournament's medical officer, Dr Ashwin Patel, for confirmation that he was suffering from an arm injury, after he pulled out a couple of hours be-fore his scheduled first-round match against the ninth seed. Taiwan's Fung Permadi.

Knowles produced a medical certificate provided by his own doctor, but his motives were questioned when it was realised that defeat by Permadi could have aided Nielsen to pip him in the race for a trip to Atlanta.

Permadi had won their previous two meetings, but Knowles denied he was playing the system as gain an Olympic place. "I over-did it a bit playing the Swiss Open, five matches in the Thomas Cup and another for my German chub in quick succession. I waited until the last moment hop-ing it would be OK, but after having a hit, the arm was sore. I really seed a week's rest." he said.

However, Knowles' explanation did not impress the Bad-minton Association of England. Tommy Marrs, its events director, was unhappy about a crop of late withdrawals. "Any system that allows people to benefit by not playing must be flawed and should be replaced," he said.

Hendry tables his emotions after victory

Keynes yesterday in the six gate's Adrian Simmons scored

Vaseline Championship as ner came 13 minutes into extra

Stephen Hendry again criticised the condition of the tables after taking revenge over Joe Swail to reach the quarter-finals of the Thailand Open in Bangkok.

Swail had knocked the world champion out of the European Open at the same stage a fortnight ago but Hendry was more concerned with the difficult playing conditions than overcoming the Irishman.

"It's impossible to perform to your best on these tables," said Hendry, who 24 hours earlier had described the conditions as "like playing on an Axminster carpet".

"All I could do was scrap away to the finish," said Hendry, who tackles John Parrott or Dave Roe for a place in the Steve Davis, the winner of the

event four years ago, was beat-en 5-2 by Ken Doherry.

TODAY'S NUMBER



The number of home games Sunderland have left at their 22,000 capacity Roker Park stadium which they have made all-ticket in the final push for promotion from the Endsleigh League First Divi-

Geach's late goal undoes Loughborough

Athletics
The five-times champion John Ngus yesterday failed to win selection in the
Kenyan seam for the World Cross-Country champlonships in Stellenbosch.
South Africa, on 23 March. Ngusy returned to domestic competition in February after a four-year ban for refusing a drugs test had been lifted, but he failed to make an impact at the national championships. The defending champion, Paul
Tergat, wall head the Kenyan men's team.

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Northamptonshire's former England spinner Nick Cook made £133,304 from his benefit last year. Cook, 39, played no first-team cricket during 1995 and will spend this season captaining the

World record Test run scorer Allan Border, who retired from the international arena in 1994, is to give up all cricket at the end of the season. The 40-year-old left-hander, who started his first-class career with New South Wales. had a lest career spanning 156 match-es, including 93 as captain, in which he scored 11,174 runs at an average of 50.56. He took 156 Test catches.

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Olympic quadruple medallist Summer Sanders has retired from competitive swimming after failing for quality for this summer's Attanta Games at the US tru-als in Indianapolis. The 23-year-old surg-gled to an eighth-place finish in the 200 metres butterfly, an event in which she won one of her two gold medals in 1992.

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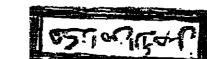
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Waugh hopes to face W Indies

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Steve Waugh is expected to have recovered from an ankle injury in time for Australia's World Cup semi-final against the West Indies today. Waugh sustained the injury

during the quarter-final win over New Zealand in Madras on Monday, and it was heavily strapped during yesterday's Although they were in the nets side by side, Australia and

West Indies were giving little away. Both captains, Mark Tay-lor and Richie Richardson, said they would not be announcing their teams until shortly before the start of the game at the SAS Nagar stadium in Chandigarh. With both squads flying into the Punjab capital earlier in the day, they wanted to practice at the same time in the after-

noon. Fortunately the spacious stadium has ample nets and the teams shared them. No major changes are expected in either side, although Australia must be concerned at the ease with which the New Zealand batsmen scored against all their bowlers when making

286 for 9 in the quarter-final. Paul Reiffel was hit out of the attack in that match after conceding 38 runs in four overs and Australia may be tempted to give his place to Jason Gillespie. the young pace bowler flown in as a replacement for the injured Craig McDermott, Gillespie bowled with great enthusiasm in the nets and generated considerable pace. The West Indies might be

considering a change in their batting, with Keith Arthurton suffering a miserable tournament. But after losing to India and then being surprisingly beaten by Kenya, the West Indies appear to be back to something like their normal selves and are confident of reaching the final,

"We are here to win," Richardson said. The West Indians won the group match between the sides in Jaipur by four

game as the leading candidate to be player of the tournament. Not even Brian Lara can

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DEREK PRINGLE reports from Calcutta Sn Lanka 251-8; India 120-8 (Match abandoned Sri Lanka awarded victory)

After a day of searing temperatures. Calcutta. India's city of joy, last night became its city of shame as a 110,000 capacity crowd at Eden Gardens brought the World Cup semi-final between India and Sri Lanka to a standstill under a hail of bordes. The crowd. angry with India's tame batting, eventually forced the game to be abandoned, and in a move unprecedented in Cup history, the referee. Clive Lloyd, awarded the match to Sri Lanka.

Having already taken the players from the field once, to give the police time to quieten spectators down, Lloyd had no hesitation in calling the game off once more glass bottles were thrown as the players returned

"I said to the umpires, and they agreed with me, that we should try and restart the game, but that if anything else was thrown we'd stop." Lloyd said af-ter the match. I was disappointed in the crowd's behaviour. I know they were down, but that's the way the game goes."

The Zimbabwean umpire Ian Robinson said it had been

a scary experience for those on the field. "One glass bottle came out of the members' area and over the sightscreen," he said. "It was probably thrown by someone who had paid 500 dollars for his ticket and was

pretty annoyed." Llovd also stated he was disappointed with the standard of security. "I'd asked for police to mingle with the crowd," he said. "It wasn't adequately policed." He was critical of the surface, too, describing it as "a bad pitch. The ball turned too much

for a semi-final." Considering there were at least 6.000 policemen present. comprising three types including the crack Rapid Action Force. Lloyd's accusation on security is one that Jagmohan Dalmiya, the convenor secretary of Pilcom, the tournament organisers, will have to answer. presumably to the International Cricket Council who must now be forced to hold an inquiry

Boorish behaviour can never be tolerated, whatever the reason, especially when you realise that to the impoverished majority of this vast dark city, the sight of those four massive blazing towers is a source of pride that despite, being close enough to see, is as distant to them as Shangri-la. It is as much a slur upon them by those lucky enough to have tickets, as it is on the game of cricket

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Sachin Tendulkar is stumped by Sri Lanka's Romesh Kaluwitharana during yesterday's World Cup semi-final in Calcutta

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deed a black day and their reputation as sophisticates and connoisseurs of all things cricket, has been badly tarnished.

Not so Sri Lanka, despite it being the third time they have been awarded a game by default - though some might argue that Mohammed Azharuddin, the Indian captain, did that when he won the foss, putting his opponents in on a newly relaid pitch that later turned square.

However, in an otherwise strident march to the final, this was undoubtedly their finest hour. They completely outplayed India, despite another excellent performance from Sachin Tendulkar with both bat and ball. Such has been the speed of Sri Lanka's progress, it is a benchmark that is changing weekly and there is no rea-

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Faced with such a savage blow, many teams would have then resorted to a strategy based on caution. Not Sri Lanka who, perhaps reading the pitch better than Azharuddin had done, realised that runs were best got when the ball was hard and the seamers were

bowling.

In a batting display as audacious as it was sublime, Aravinda de Silva assaulted India's bowling, timing his drives with unerring precision as he brutally punched holes in the field. When a batsman of this class is as inspired as De Silva was here, there is little a howler can do except hope for a false stroke.

son why, fuelled by the high of

yesterday's win, they cannot

top it once more in Lahore on

Before this game, it has been

Sri Lanka's opening batsmen,

and in particular Sanath Jaya-

suriya, who had propelled their team to victory. Ironically, both

fell to successive deliveries in

the day's first over, caught by

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Azharuddin, however, was less charitable, and several times he chastised his attack for sins they had not really committed. This paled in comparison to the response the Indian skipper got from the crowd when he later went for pavilion was accompanied by chants of "Down with

Azharuddin". Chasing Sri Lanka's total of 251, India did not seem badly placed, when at the 20-over mark they were 83 for 1, with Tendulkar his usual fluent self. Unfortunately for India, it was hereabouts that Arjuna Ranatunga decided to introduce

Jayasuriya's left-arm spin. Bowling over the wicket into the rough outside leg stump, Jayasuriya had Tendulkar stumped after a lightning bit of

opportunism by the keeper, Romesh Kaluwitharana, as Tendulkar left his ground after the ball had come off his pads.

With Azharuddin, Manrekar, Srinath and Jadeja all falling in the space of seven overs, India were never able to mount a serious counter-assault. When the game was called off they were listing on 120 for 8, having lost their last seven wickets for just 22 runs.

Earlier, as searing daylight turned to a kind of warm glow under tungsten, Sri Lanka had

also appeared to lose their way. With the heroic Roshan Mahanama unable to return, suffering terrible cramps and disorientation brought about by dehydration, his team failed

to capitalise over the last 10 It was only later when the ball began to grip and turn that everyone realised how ample that total was. And what a gargantuan blunder Azharrudin and his team of advisers had made by giving their opponents

first use of the pitch.

Calcutta scereboard

nought, and his return to the Man of the match Aravinda de Silva is given an armed escort from the Calcutta pitch

Safety quest for Ball

Football

Alan Ball faces his former club, Southampton, on Saturday knowing the outcome at Maine Road could determine whether Manchester City stay in the Premiership.

The City manager, boosted by the point from a 1-1 draw at Chelsea on Tuesday, said: 'You've got to look at the situation and say it's in our hands whether or not we'll survive.

"The people we have got to beat are the clubs down there with us, starting with Southampton. If we can beat them it puts them five points behind us and in very serious trouble, and we should be able to pull clear." Eight clubs are battling to

avoid the drop and City - who have eight games left compared to Southampton's 11 - know that 12 points out of the final 24 would be more than enough to guarantee safety. Apart from Southampton.

who currently fill the third relegation place above the seemingly doomed Queen's Park Rangers and Bolton, Ball's side also face fellow strugglers Bolton and Wimbledon away and Sheffield Wednesday at Maine Road. The points have to be picked up as the other four games - Man-chester United and Liverpool at home and West Ham and Aston Villa away – present a formidable challenge at the best of

Ball, who welcomed back Ian Brightwell, who missed six atches because of injury, will have his captain, Keith Curle, back after suspension as well as Michael Brown. Nigel Clough, employed as a sweeper in the first half against Chelsea, from where he hit the equaliser, is expected to revert to a midfield role.

The change of formation worked quite well," Clough said. "I played there for half a season for Forest so it wasn't too unusual and sometimes it's easier coming from a deeper position to get the end of things.

"We have been in games this season where we have conceded early goals and we didn't want to do that against Chelsea. Afterwards there was frustration in the dressing-room that we hadn't won, which is a good sign when you consider our position in the League." Ball, meanwhile, could also

have Niall Quinn back after injury to threaten Uwe Rösler's place while the on-loan substitute, Giuseppe Mazzarelli, is

and can play in numerous positions," said Ball of the Swiss-Italian midlielder.

virtually anywhere, as Clough did against Chelsea." Ball desperately hopes that Saturday will show that, above all else, they want to play in the Prem-

Glenn Hoddle, meanwhile, has sounded the alert for his Chelsea side as they chase a place in Europe for next season. "If we perform the way we

did against Manchester City at Anfield on Saturday, then we'll get hammered," was the stark warning from the Cheisea manager. "It may have been a little bit of fatigue from Saturday, but that's an easy excuse - an easy. way out," he said

We didn't deserve to win: we didn't work hard enough. It's as simple as that. I never felt that we were at the races. It's a lesson for us and now we have to lift ourselves and prepare our-selves for Liverpool away." Chelsea will need to improve.

if they are to keep on target for. a top five place and a European qualification. "Getting into Eu-rope is more important than the FA Cup and we don't want a gap opening between ourselves and the likes of Arsenal and Tottenham," Hoddle added. "There has got to be a vast improvement if we are to get something up there. Knowing us, we'll perform really well."

Arsenal tell Wright to stay at Highbury

back into Ian Wright's court yesterday when Arsenal rejected his transfer request and said he must serve out his recently signed four-year contract.

The former England striker. who said he was "not happy any more" at Highbury, startled the Gunners' management by handing in a transfer request last week. Chelsea headed the queue of clubs hoping to sign the experienced marksman, but the Arsenal manager, Bruce Rioch, recommended to the Highbury board that they reject

Wright's plea. Yesterday, the Highbury managing director, Ken Friar, formally announced that the club had told the 32-year-old Wright that his future remains with Arsenal. "The board have advised lan they are not pre-pared to grant his request for a transfer, which he made recently," Friar said. "This was a unanimous decision of the board and the manager.

"lan's contribution to the club's success has been considerable over recent years, and we are sure that, as a true professional, it will continue to be so throughout the remainder of his contract," Friar added. "We all very much wish him to stay."

Chelsea's manager, Glenn Hod dle, who clearly saw Wright as an extra cutting edge in the club's quest for European qualification. Hoddle had already had one inquiry for Wright dis-missed and said earlier this week: "If Arsenal say Wright is" available we would be interest ed, but if they say he must stay we will respect that decision Wright cost £2.5m from Crys

tal Palace in September 192 and two years later helped 202 senal achieve a unique Wennie ley double of the FA Cup and League Cup. Last season he in 30 goals including nine in the European Cup-Winners' Cup. scoring in every round apart from the final - which Arsens lost to Real Zaragoza after es

tra time. Wright has missed Arsenal last three matches, two through suspension and one because o injury, but before that was sence of Tony Adams. The Gunners' Dutch international Dennis Bergkamp, was among those who publicly arged. Wright to reconsider his decision to seek a move.

Wright must now wait me learn whether he is recalled the starting side at Wimbledon on Saturday after his stand-in John Hartson, hit two goals in last week's win over Manches ter City.

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